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[何もないけど空は青い]
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少年サンデー 週刊55周年 月間!!!!!

新感覚!!!!!
SF青春アルバム!!!

TVアニメ第2期
●フジテレビ「ノイタミナ」ほか各局にて絶賛放送中!!
[銀の匙 Silver Spoon]

超絶大反響!!!

新展開!
アルマトラン編

神社を荒らしたゾロモン達。
世界最強の魔導士の力とは…!?

TVアニメ第2期
MBS・TBS系全国ネットにて
絶賛放送中!!!

新感覚ヒーローストーリー!!
決戦 決着センターカラー!!!!
[キリヲテリブレ]

絶好調月イチ連載!! 一挙35P!!!
[BIRD MEN]

●月光の道隊の行方は……!?
最終回まで ラスト3話!
[月光条例]

注目せよ!

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マギファン必見!!!
[マギ シンドバッドの冒険]

小野大輔 杉田智和 対談!! 記念!!!!!
アニメ化!!!

MAGI
マギ

大高忍
Shinobu Ohtaka Presents



マギ20巻、シンドバッドの冒険2巻、マギキャラクター大図鑑発売中！

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219TH NIGHT SOLOMON'S TRUE IDENTITY


WHAT IS...


THE HELL ...
W-WHAT ...


HOW ARE THESE GUYS SO STRONG!?


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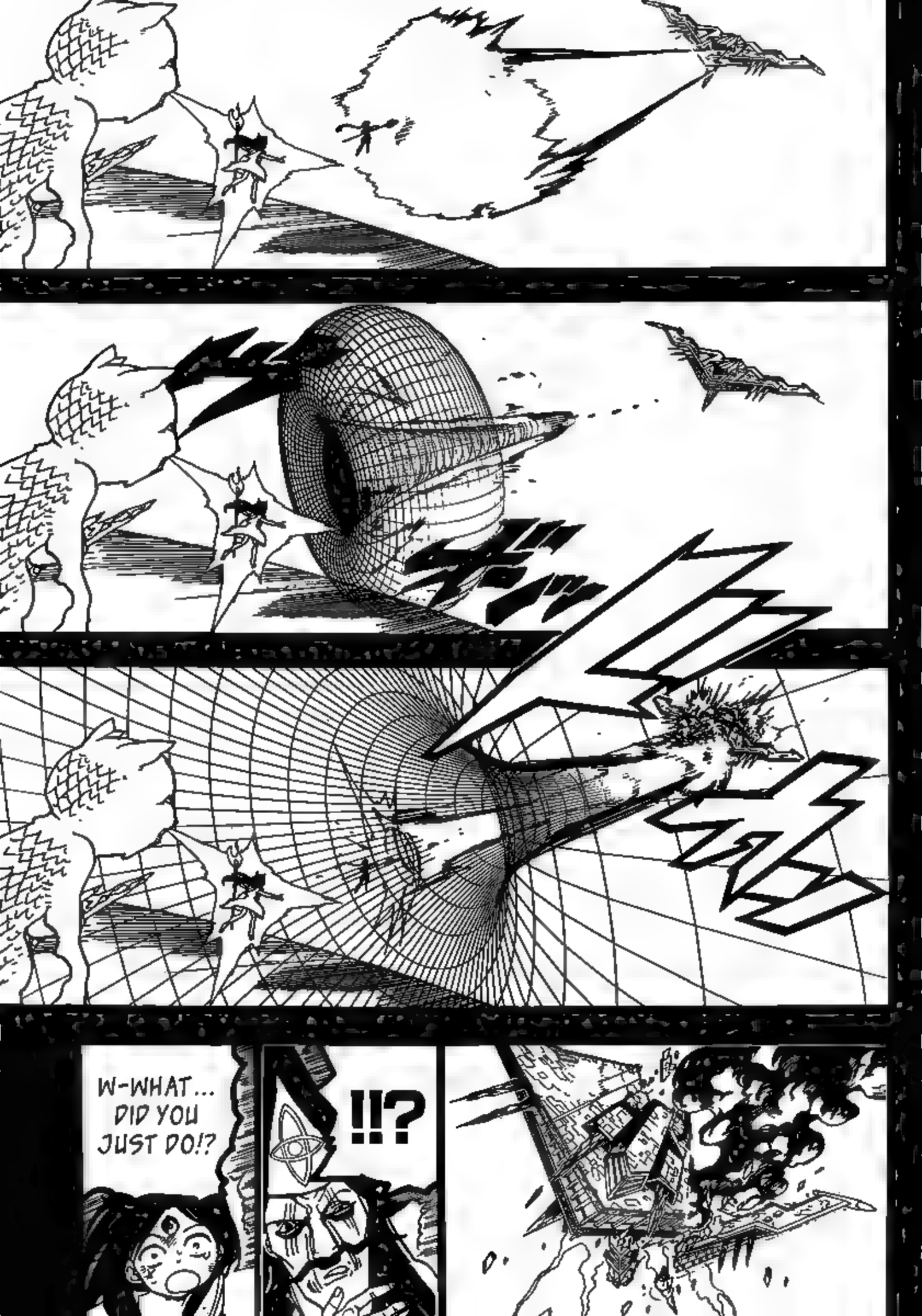

BUT !!!


THESE ARE MAGICIANS WHO RECEIVE A GREAT QUANTITY OF MAGICAL POWER FROM "OUR FATHER" DIRECTLY TO THEIR BODIES WITHOUT USING THE "TOWER" AS AN INTERMEDIARY...
THAT'S THE ORIGINAL POWER OF THE DIVINE STAVES.


I WONDER HOW LONG YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE YOUR "THIRD EYE" SHINE LIKE THAT!!!
RECEIVING ALL OF THAT MAGIC WITHOUT THE CONTROLLING DEVICES IN THE "TOWER" IS EQUIVALENT TO SUICIDE!!!
BRING IT ON.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T LISTEN TO US!!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THOSE MONSTERS? THEIR MOVEMENTS HAVE BECOME DULL, THEY'RE TOTALLY USELESS!!


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ギラッ!!
MOMO !!!
GAHH ...


SAVE MOMO !!!!
PLEASE! I BEG YOU...
!?
LO...!


W-WHAT... DID YOU JUST DO!?
!!?


TLN: Dhorrs = Powers; Reils = Paths. Like magic and ley lines.
UGO, THE MAGIC THEORY YOU DEVISED IS REALLY INCREDIBLE.
THE DIFFERENT DHORRS IN THIS WORLD FLOW INTO FIXED REILS. I WAS ABLE TO GET THEM TO DO WHATEVER I WANTED!!
.....
NO, SOLOMON, THE ONLY THING I DID WAS THINK ABOUT IT.
IF IT WASN'T FOR A MAGICIAN OF YOUR LEVEL, MY THEORIES WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE. THAT'S WHY EVERYONE USED TO MAKE FUN OF ME.
IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY. THAT'S WHY I REALLY LIKE YOU!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO PICKED UP MY THEORIES AND GRADUALLY MADE THEM INTO REALITY.
THAT IS AN HONOR.


THAT'S JUST AN ILLUSION!!! DON'T LET THE "IMPURE KING'S" SUBORDINATES MISLEAD YOU!! ATTACK THEM ALL AT ONCE!!! REDUCE EVERY-THING TO ASHES!
SOL-OMON !!!
TLN: Thrust Reaction
Dhoruf Saba-hall


TLN: Gravity Reaction; Same reading, different kanji
Dhoruf Saba-ha!!

WHOOOOOAIIII?
TLN: Gravity Accumulation
Dhoruf Luyila!!


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IN-
...
I'VE NEVER SEEN MAGIC LIKE THAT. HE CAN MANIPULATE THE VERY FABRIC OF THIS WORLD AND NOTHING CAN GET CLOSE TO HIM...
INCREDIBLE, IT'S LIKE HE'S A GOD.
LET'S GO, GUYS!! ONCE WE ATTACK THE ENEMY'S FLAGSHIP WE CAN STOP THE ENTIRE FLEET'S MIND-CONTROL MAGIC...
.....
WHO IN THE WORLD IS...THIS PERSON!?


YES!!!
!!!
THIS IS THE MISSION OF THE ONES WIELDING THE "DIVINE STAVES."
I WILL HELP TOO!!!
W-WAIT!!
AH!!
.....
I MEAN, FOR WHAT REASON ARE YOU DOING THIS, MASTER SOLOMON...?
WHY...?


AND ...
FOR WHAT REASON DID THE TWO OF YOU BECOME OUR ENEMIES? URALTUGO NOI NUEPH, THE MOST PRODIGIOUS CONSTRUCTOR OF MAGIC THEORIES SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE MAGICIAN ORTHODOX...
THE SON OF ELDER DAVID JEHOAHAZ ABRAHAM,
SIR SOLOMON JEHOAHAZ ABRAHAM...
THE ENEMY'S LEADER IS SOLOMON'S FATHER!!
IN THE NEXT ISSUE, THE BATTLE INTENSIFIES!
WHO IS THE FIRST SENATOR IN THE ORTHODOX'S "COUNCIL OF ELDERS," AND LEADER OF US MAGICIANS...

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Translation Notes

Dhorrs
The name of this (concept/magic) is a corruption of the Arabic word ذرة Dharra(t), meaning "atom/small particle".

Reil
The name of this concept is derived from the Arabic word رعيل Ra3il, meaning "group/troop".

Dhoruf Sabaha
The name of this (concept/magic) is a corruption of the Arabic phrase ظروف صباح Ẓuruf Aṣ Ṣabaḥ, meaning "Morning Circumstances". The "morning circumstances" probably refers to the rising of the sun, which here is being compared to the rising or pushing away of the airships.

Dhoruf Luyila
The name of this (concept/magic) is a corruption of the Arabic phrase ظروف ليل Ẓuruf Al Layl, meaning "Night Circumstances". The "night circumstances" probably refers to the setting of the sun, which here is being compared to the falling or pulling down of the airships.

KEY:
Dh = The sound "th" makes in "the", but not in "thin".
Ẓ = Emphatic "Dh" sound.
Ṣ = Emphatic "S" sound.
Ḥ = A more breathy, aspirated "H" sound.
3 = Throat constricting sound (Technical name: Voiced Pharyngeal Fricative)
(t) = A "T", just like the English "T", that is usually silent and unpronounced except in certain situations according to grammatical rules.

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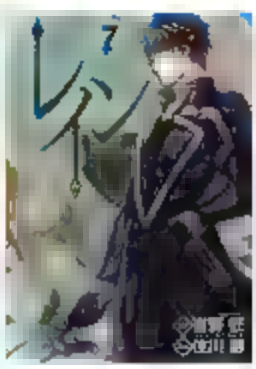
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大高忍 (おおたかしのぶ)

220TH NIGHT SOMETHING IN COMMON

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YOUR THIRD EYE IS DISAPPEARING. IT SEEMS THAT YOU CAN FIGHT WITH THE "DIVINE STAVES" FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES, SOLOMON JEHOAHAZ ABRAHAM...
I WONDER ABOUT THAT...
STOP THE ENTIRE FLEET, THE OUTCOME HAS BEEN DECIDED.
SURRENDER.
IS HE REALLY SO INCREDIBLE ...!!?
THE PRIEST HAS BEEN SAYING IT FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT IS THAT TRUE...? IS HE REALLY THE SON OF ELDER DAVID...?
THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND THE OTHER SPECIES.
HERESY...!! YOU HEART HAS BEEN SULLIED. I DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE THAN TO ERASE YOU...!!
THE AGENDA OF THE ORTHODOXY IS A FORGERY. IT HAS BEEN BENT AND TWISTED IN ORDER TO BE CONVENIENT FOR HUMANS.


W-WHAT IS THIS!?
!?
READY YOUR CANNONS TO FIRE AT THE FLAGSHIP.
TO THE ENTIRE FLEET.
THERE IS A GREAT IMPURITY ON THIS SHIP. TO ERASE SUCH IMPURITY IS THE MISSION OF A REAL BELIEVER.
SU-
SUICIDE ...!?
IT IS OFTEN USED BY MAGICIANS TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
IT IS A BARRIER THAT MAKES A MAGICIAN UNABLE TO USE HIS MAGIC. NOT EVEN THE BORG WORKS.
AN "ISOLATION BARRIER" ...


I DON'T THINK SO.
GOD IS CALLING THE BOTH OF US.
OR "MARTYRDOM".
WHAT !?


THE MANTICORE TRIBE,
THE HERMIT TRIBE,
AND THE GORGON TRIBE!?
W-WHY ARE THEY HERE ...
NO, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW ...!?
HOW ARE "OTHER SPECIES" USING MAGIC ...!!?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS ...!!?

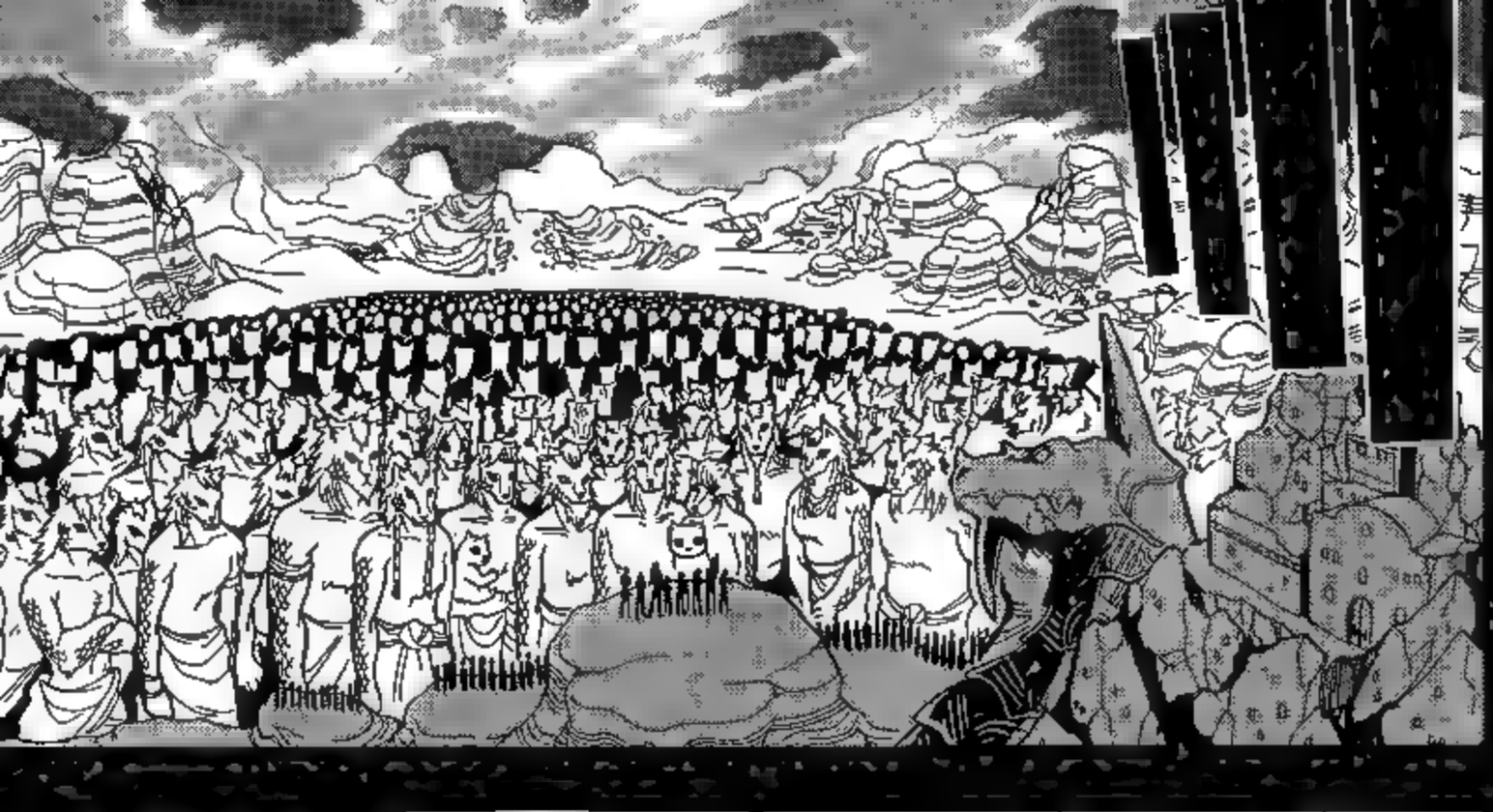




TLN: Earth Shell Revolving Cutting Claws

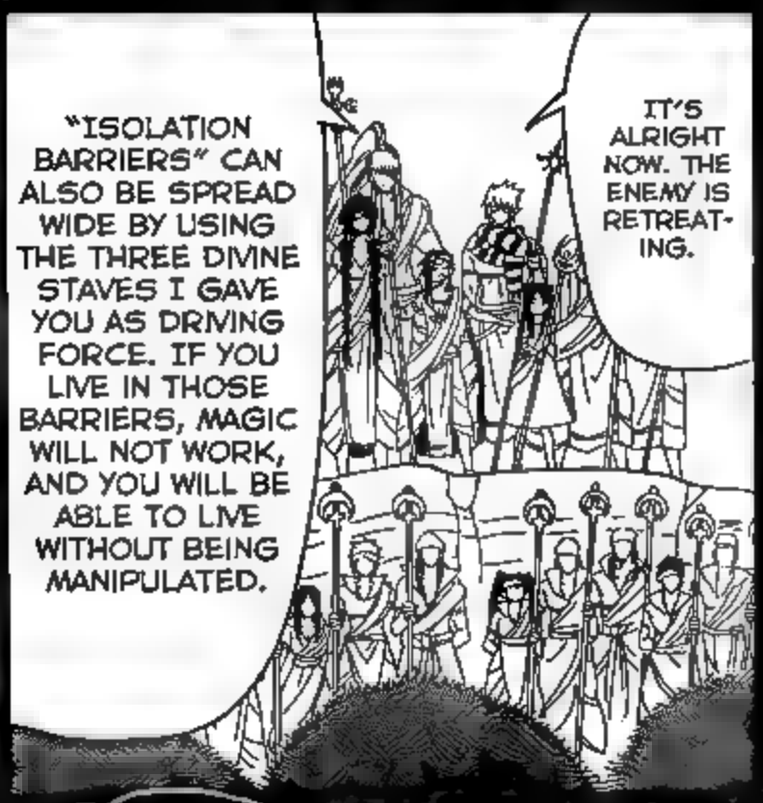



WHAT BLASPHEMY ...!!
YOU GAVE THE DIVINE STAVES TO THE OTHER SPECIES!!!
..AH! I SEE...
THESE PEOPLE, THEY KNEW THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN SINCE THE START...




JUST TALK AND DON'T WORRY. I WILL TRANSLATE IT FOR THE MANTICORES.
OH, RIGHT.
SOLOMON, THREE DIFFERENT SPECIES CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR WORDS.
AND I'LL TRANSLATE FOR THE HERMIT AND GORGON TRIBES.


.....


"ISOLATION BARRIERS" CAN ALSO BE SPREAD WIDE BY USING THE THREE DIVINE STAVES I GAVE YOU AS DRIVING FORCE. IF YOU LIVE IN THOSE BARRIERS, MAGIC WILL NOT WORK, AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE WITHOUT BEING MANIPULATED.
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW. THE ENEMY IS RETREATING.


WE...
SOLOMON... HE IS GOING TO TELL THE MANTICORES THE SAME THING HE TOLD THE PRIESTS... WILL THEY THEY LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY...?


AND THERE IS OBVIOUS PROOF OF THAT IMPOSSIBILITY. BECAUSE...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
THAT'S THE ONLY ATONEMENT FOR US MAGICIANS, BECAUSE OF THE STUPID BEHAVIOUR WE'VE HAD UNTIL NOW.
WE WILL FREE ALL THE LANDS AND BUILD "ALMA TORRAN," TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER SPECIES, WHERE WE WILL LIVE WITH THEM ON EQUAL TERMS.
THAT'S THE PROOF THAT HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS!! WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER!!!
THE ONLY ONES THAT GOD CHOSE ARE THE HUMANS!!!
WHAT IS IT, AGARES?
AND WE ARE REALLY CONFUSED AS WELL. BECAUSE...
WE ARE REALLY SURPRISED ABOUT THIS "ALMA TORRAN" PROPOSAL YOU PRESENT...
HUMAN.


YOU CAN USE MAGIC, YOU ARE THE ONLY SPECIES THAT WAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE SUCH POWER FROM GOD, A POWER THAT MANIPULATES THE VERY FABRIC OF THIS WORLD... YOU REALLY ARE A MIRACULOUS EXISTENCE.
HUMANS ARE TOO DIFFERENT FROM US ...
WE WILL NEVER BE ON EQUAL TERMS WITH HUMANS.
WE ARE LIKELY... A SPECIES FORSAKEN BY GOD...
DON'T YOU THINK THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND OTHER SPECIES IS HOPELESS?
MOMO ...
.....


I LEARNED THIS DIRECTLY FROM A SPECIES THAT LIVED BEFORE THE HUMANS BECAME MAGICIANS.
THE REAL INTENTION OF ILLAH'S REVELATION IS TO "PUT AN END TO THE STRIFE AMONG THE DIFFERENT SPECIES AND SAVE THIS WORLD."
WRONG.
THAT IS ABSOLUTELY ...
YOU ARE A BRAVE AND MAGNIFICENT SPECIES.
TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN AND TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COMRADES ...
THE MANTICORES HAVE CLAWS CAPABLE OF BREAKING THE LAND. THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO CREATE ELABORATE TOOLS AND HOUSES,
BESIDES, WHY DO YOU BELIEVE SUCH A THING?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, HUMAN?
SOMETHING IN COMMON ...?
.....
.....
.....
AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US IS NOT HOPELESS. ALL THE SPECIES, EVEN HUMANS, HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON THAT IS EXACTLY THE SAME.
!!
!!


...WOULD SHOW HIS GOOD SIDE TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.
FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW THAT ANY CRUEL AND DEMONIC MAGICIAN...
IT IS NOT SUCH AN EXAGGERATED IDEA.
LOVE.
.....
.....
AND YEARN FOR IT...
YOU WILL BE INEVITABLY CHARMED BY THE MOST BRIGHT AND HONEST DIRECTION...
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF LIFE YOU HAVE,
IT IS REALLY STRONG IN SPECIES THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES AND THE ABILITY TO CREATE SOCIETIES.
IF SOMEONE IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, YOU FIND A PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE. IF YOU ARE ALIENATED FROM THEM YOU FEEL SORROW.
AND BE TOUCHED BY THEIR KINDNESS...
WHEN YOU WILL PUT YOUR OWN SELF IN THE SAME PLACE AS OTHERS...
AND THEN,


NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HATE THAT GROTESQUE AND DIFFERENT SPECIES,
YOUR HEART WILL NO DOUBT BE MOVED ...


TO LIVE HAPPILY, AFTER ALL.
WE ALL DESIRE
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO GO WITH ALL OF YOU.


THAT'S OUR ONLY GUIDEPOST.
WE LOVE AND SUFFER IN THE SAME WAY.
SO IT SHOULD BE FINE TO CHOOSE THE WAY WE WANT TO LIVE OUR LIFE ON OUR OWN...
WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN ABOUT GOD.
AND WHERE ANYONE CAN LIVE PROUD-LY!
LET'S CHANGE THE WORLD TOGETHER, IN A PLACE THAT WILL BE OURS...
LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER.




I DON'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD GIVE SO MUCH SELF-CONFIDENCE TO SO MANY PEOPLE. HE GAVE US A GREAT FEELING, WHICH MAKES US WANT TO LOOK FORWARD...
THIS PERSON IS AMAZING!
I WANT TO ILLUMINATE THE LIVES OF OTHERS, JUST LIKE HOW HE JUST DID!
WILL I BE ABLE TO DO THIS ONE DAY, AS WELL?
NEXT ISSUE, THE TIME FLOWS... WE WILL SEE SOLOMON WHEN HE IS 17 YEARS OLD!!

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Translation Notes

Aug Al-Hazard

"Aug" is either derived from the Arabic word أوج Auj, meaning "zenith/pinnacle", OR is a corruption of the Arabic word 3awaj عوج, meaning "crookedness/curvature/deviation/unevenness". "Al Hazard" is just the English word "Hazard" plus the Arabic definite article ال Al-. Thus, the full name of this magic is either derived from أوج الهزارد Auj Al Hazard, roughly meaning "Hazardous Pinnacle", referring to the sharp tips of the spikes that come out of the ground OR is a corruption of 3awaj Al-Hazard عوج الهزارد, roughly meaning "Hazardous Deviation", referring to the resulting abnormal structure of the ground's surface due to the creation of the spikes.

Key

3 - Throat constricting sound (Technical name: Voiced Pharyngeal Fricative)

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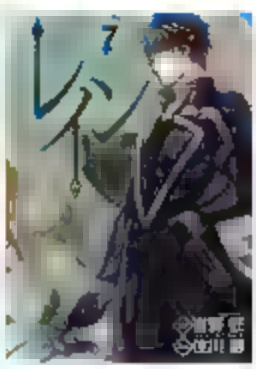
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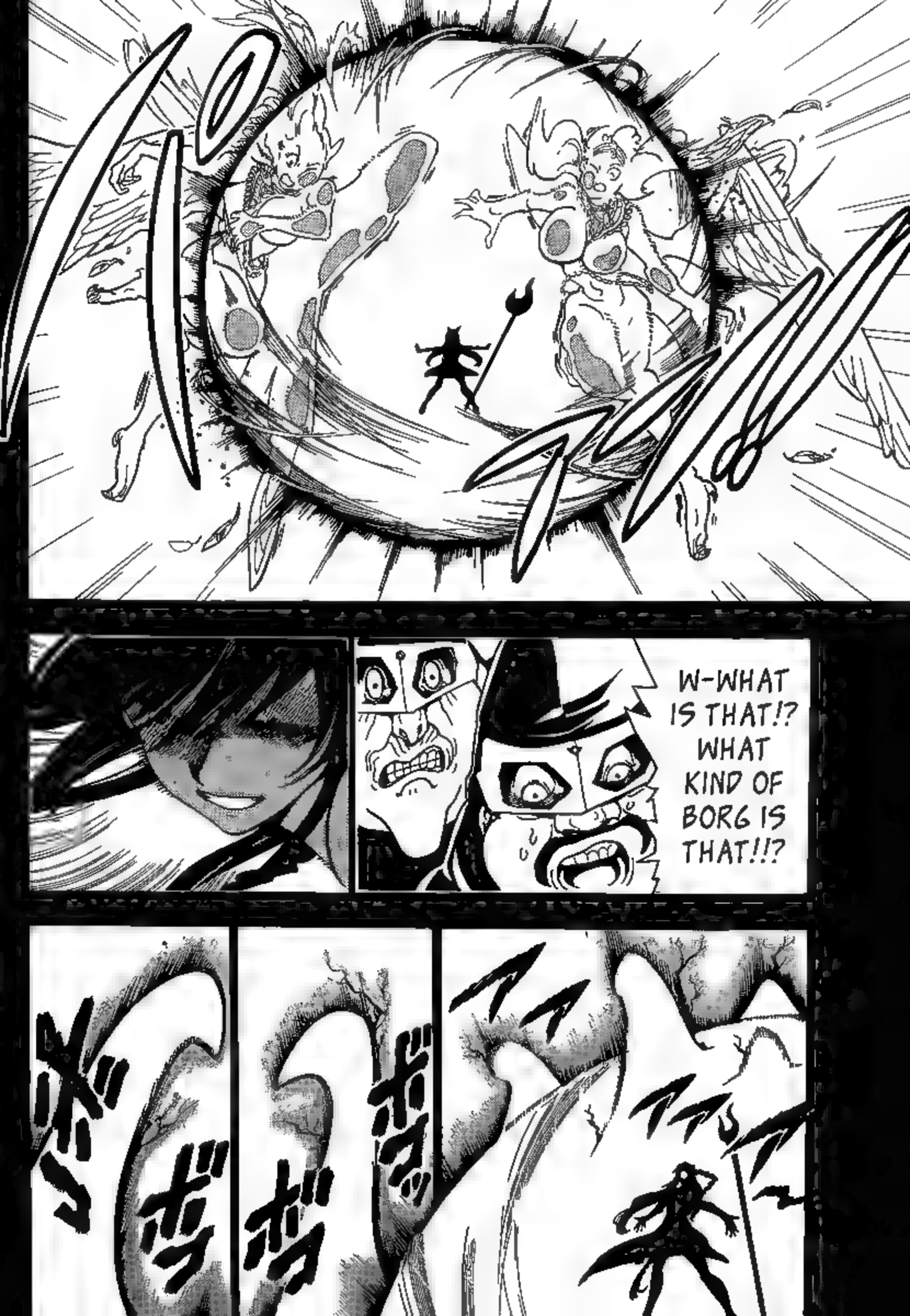


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5 years later
THE FIGHT OF THE LIBERATION ARMY CONTINUES
DAMN THESE DAEFS WHO OPPOSE GOD'S WILL!!!
SECURE THE CENTRAL PLAZA!!!
MARES!!! ABRIL!!! GO AND REINFORCE THE RIGHT WING!
UNDER-STOOD!!!
大高忍
221ST NIGHT: LOVESICKNESS


W-WHAT IS THAT!? WHAT KIND OF BORG IS THAT!!?
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!!??
GYAAH!!!
SHE IS THE SO CALLED "EIGHT HEADED DEFENSIVE WALL" MAGICIAN!!
SHE CAN BRING HER OWN BORG TO EXTREME HEIGHTS AND TURN IT INTO POWERFUL OFFENSIVE MAGIC!! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE GENIUS...!!


Sheba
(17 years old)
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, THE ENEMY HAS RETREATED. LET'S FIGHT TOGETHER FROM NOW ON, PHENEX.


AH, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT A PERSON WHO I REALLY ADMIRE TOLD ME, BUT I SHARE HIS SENTIMENTS!
YES! THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS ARE THE SAME AFTER ALL!
BUT HUMANS ARE TOO DIFFERENT FROM US. IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE TO LIVE EQUALLY TOGETHER WITH YOU?
MORE THAN 10 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE LORD SOLOMON BEGAN TO OPPOSE HIM...
WHY ISN'T ELDER DAVID MAKING A THOROUGH SEARCH-AND-DESTROY OPERATION?
THREE QUARTERS OF THE WORLD HAS ALREADY FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE RESISTANCE AND THE OTHER SPECIES...


WELCOME HOME, SHEBA!
Eighth Base of the Resistance



TLN: In Hindu religion, Garuda is a Hindu divinity, depicted as man-like creatures with wings, large enough to block the sun.



TLN: Daruma (Dharma) is a round, hollow doll modeled after Bodhidharma, the founder of Zen Buddhism, and is a symbol of perseverance and good luck.




HAAH~~~
UGO CAN'T, LIKE, GET A GIRLFRIEND FOR THE PAST 58 YEARS, ARU. AS YEARS PASSED, IT'S LIKE IT'S HARDER FOR HIM TO TALK TO GIRLS HE'S NOT FAMILIAR WITH, ARU.
E-EE EH!!?
ARGH.
Amazing!!
UGO IS 58 YEARS OLD!
MY ELDER BROTHER IS 24 YEARS OLD.
JUST HOW OLD IS EVERY-ONE?
I CAN GET ALONG WELL WITH SOLOMON!
AH.
THAT'S GREAT! I WANT TO BECOME AN ADULT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! SO STRONG AND WISE THAT...
JUST GO TO HIM TO TELL HOW THE MISSION WENT. MAYBE HE WILL PAT YOU ON THE HEAD AND PRAISE YOU.
OK, WE UNDER-STAND.
I-I TOLD YOU THAT I DON'T WANT THAT FROM HIM AT ALL!!
AS IF I COULD EVER LIKE A GUY WHO'S LIKE A NAGGING AND STUBBORN FATHER!
I-IT IS NOT LIKE THAT!
SHEBA LIKES SOLOMON, AFTER ALL.


NORMALLY, HE WOULD NEVER DO IT!
WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
HE SAID THAT SOLOMON WOULD PROBABLY PRAISE ME!!?
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LISTEN, SHEBA. YOU GET TOO CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT.
The Usual Solomon
THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU... YOU ARE TOO STUBBORN... AND I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE!
HAVE YOUR WOUNDS FROM THE OTHER DAY HEAL ALREADY? SHOW THEM TO ME.
AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR STAFF WITH YOU.
JUST RETREAT WHEN THE SITUATION LOOKS DANGEROUS.
AH~~~ GEEZ, I TOLD YOU THAT I'M ALRIGHT!! I'M STRONG YOU, KNOW!? I CAN DO EVERYTHING ALONE!!
D-DOES THAT MEAN... THAT YOU WORRY ABOUT ME IN A SPECIAL WAY ...?
EH!?


WELL, I WAS JUST LIKE YOU IN THE PAST, AFTER ALL.
THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME THE MOST.
Isn't that written in the sacred scriptures!!!?
NO, I MEANT THAT SOMETIMES, YOUR EYES HAVE THE SAME DANGEROUS LOOK THEY HAD IN THE PAST...
I'm worried about what you are thinking
!
A LOT.
YOU RESEMBLE ME,
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THAT'S RIGHT! I DID MY BEST UP UNTIL TODAY JUST TO BECOME LIKE HIM!
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HE SAID THAT I RESEMBLE HIM! SOLOMON!?


HUH?
I'M BACK, SOLOMON! ARE YOU IN HERE~~?




ARBA...
I HAVE LOST, YOUNG MASTER.
AND STOP CALLING ME "YOUNG MASTER." I TOLD YOU THAT COUNTLESS TIMES ALREADY.
YOU WERE HOLDING BACK, RIGHT?
WHO DO YOU THINK TRAINED ME IN SWORDSMANSHIP?
RIGHT, IT WAS ME.
YES ...
BUT I AM NOTHING MORE THAT YOUR MENIAL SERVANT, SO...
IT'S VERY TROUBLING THAT EVEN YOU DON'T TREAT ME AS AN EQUAL.
FROM TIME TO TIME, CERTAIN SPECIES HAVE TREATED ME LIKE A GOD, BUT...
FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE NUMBER OF OUR ALLIES KEEP INCREASING.
THAT'S A REALLY OLD STORY. DO YOU KNOW WHY I BROUGHT YOU WITH ME FROM THE GREAT TEMPLE?


.....
.....
I COULD BECOME CONCEITED AND HAVE THE PRETENCE TO BE A GOD JUST LIKE MY FATHER.
I'M WORRIED THAT IF THERE ISN'T SOMEONE WHO HAS KNOWN ME SINCE THE TIME I WAS A STUPID KID...
1-4
WHEN WE ARE ALONE,
JUST LIKE IN THE PAST,
TALK TO ME WITHOUT HONOR-IFICS.


.....
YES,
YOUNG MASTER ...
IN THAT CASE LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING...
YOUR SWORD STYLE SUCKS, SOLOMON!
smirk
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE KINDA SHORT? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BIGGER AND STRONGER SOLOMON!
HUH, REALLY?


AH, WELCOME BACK. HOW DID IT GO, SHEBA?
You're just lying in bed
You should be even taller
Can't grow this tall you know
YOU CAN'T GET YOURSELF BETWEEN THEM NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU EAT.
WHOA~ THAT'S LIKE, STRESS EATING, ARU.
THAT'S SO UNCOOL.


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I KNOW.


LEAVING THAT ASIDE...
THE MAGOI WE RECEIVE FROM ILL ILAH IS HEAVIER... IT FEELS A LITTLE IMPURE.
THE QUALITY OF THE MAGOI.
WHAT CHANGED?
SO YOU NOTICED IT TOO, RIGHT?
IT'S REALLY CHANGED IN THE LAST YEARS.
I DON'T KNOW. BUT... I THINK THAT IT IS A SERIOUS MATTER THAT COULD BREAK THE BALANCE OF THIS WORLD.
I WONDER WHAT IS CAUSING THAT...
THE QUALITY OF THE MAGOI ...?
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT FALAN?! WHO IS THIS SUSPICIOUS GUY WHO IS ALWAYS ALL OVER YOUR TITS!!?
YOU'RE RIGHT, ARU! MY SHOULDERS ARE, LIKE, GETTING STIFFER AND STIFFER, ARU! AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, I NOW HAVE TWO MEN WHO CAN'T, LIKE, STAY AWAY FROM MY TITS, ARU!
IDIOT, ARU! IT'S YOU, ARU!


IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT I THINK...
WE NEED TO ASK HIM FOR ADVICE. MAYBE HE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL US SOMETHING.
OOH, A LOT OF TIME PASSED SINCE THEN!
UM... DOES HE MEAN THE ONES WHO HAVE BEEN ALIVE SINCE BEFORE HUMANS BECAME MAGICIANS?
.....
THAT'S RIGHT... I THINK THAT HE SAID IT IN THE PAST...
I LEARNED THIS DIRECTLY FROM A SPECIES THAT LIVED BEFORE THE HUMANS BECAME MAGICIANS
BUT I WONDER WHAT IN THE WORLD THE SPECIES TO WHICH SOLOMON COULD "ASK FOR ADVICE" BE...!?
LET'S GO AND MEET HIM.
THE "ORIGIN DRAGON" ...
IN THE NEXT ISSUE: ANOTHER IMPORTANT PIECE OF HISTORY WILL BE REVEALED!!

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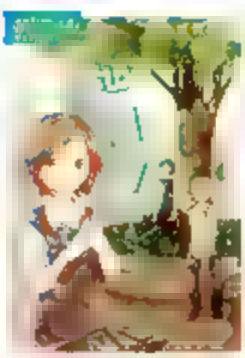
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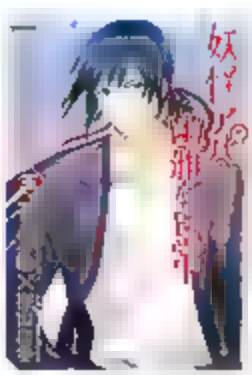
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THE ONE THAT SOLOMON AND HIS GROUP VISIT IS...!



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222ND NIGHT: MOTHER DRAGON

LITTLE ONE?

DID YOU COME TO SPEAK WITH ME...


DOES THIS BEING UNDERSTAND THE HUMAN LANGUAGE?
SHE KNOWS A LOT OF LANGUAGES BECAUSE SHE'S LIVED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
.....!
YES, MOTHER DRAGON.
.....
SHE'S COMPLETELY WHITE AND SO BEAUTIFUL... BUT... THIS PLACE LOOKS SOMEWHAT LONELY...
THIS BEING... IS SHE REALLY PART OF THE "DRAGONS OF ORIGIN," A RACE THAT IS SAID TO LIVE FOR 8000 YEARS, THE LONGEST LIFE SPAN IN THE WORLD...?
SOLOMON IS NERVOUS... WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE GOING TO ASK!?


I WANT TO MEET THAT WHITE DRAGON!!
NO, NO, NO, NO WAY!! I'M GOING TOO!!


YES, I HAVE. I ESCORTED SOLOMON SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST.
B-BUT... ARBA HAS ALREADY MET THAT DRAGON, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT, SHEBA.
DON'T ACT LIKE A SPOILED CHILD.


BROTHER, JUST STAY THAT WAY FOREVER.
DON'T START TALK-ING LIKE UGO!
ITHNAN, LIKE, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE TOO DENSE TO GET IT, ARU.
WHY IS SHEBA PICKING A FIGHT WITH ARBA? WHEN SHE WAS YOUNGER THEY HUNG OUT AND EVEN SLEPT TOGETHER. SHE WAS REALLY DEAR TO HER...




.....


BUT IT ISN'T EASY TO MEET THE DRAGON ...
BECAUSE SHE LIVES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE "CONTINENTAL RIFT", YOU KNOW.


DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT PLACE, SHEBA?
SURE. THAT PLACE IS...
THE NOTHINGNESS THAT GOD HAS FORSAKEN. EVEN LIGHT DOESN'T REACH THAT PLACE, EVEN WHEN THERE IS NOTHING GETTING IN THE WAY. YOU CAN'T USE LEVITATION MAGIC TO FLY THERE.
THAT'S WHY, IN THE CHURCH, THEY WOULD THREATEN TO "DROP" CHILDREN WHO DID IMPURE PRANKS THERE...
EH !?
SHE LIVES IN SUCH A PLACE!?


HAHAHAH. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A GODFORSAKEN PLACE.
IT'S JUST AN "INCOMPLETE PART OF THIS WORLD".
AN "INCOMPLETE PART OF THIS WORLD" ...?


THIS WORLD IS TOO HUGE, AND IT IS NOT ALL CONSIS-TENT.
THAT'S RIGHT. IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, DOESN'T THIS VAST DARKNESS LOOK LIKE ILL ILAH STOPPED MID-WAY WITH THE CREATION OF THIS WORLD?
THAT'S WHY IN THAT BLACK RIFT, THE LAWS OF PHYSICS ARE UNSTABLE AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN. IT IS A FRIGHTENING PLACE WHERE EVEN THE ORTHODOX CAN'T GET CARELESSLY CLOSE...
TO SUCH A FRIGHT-ENING PLACE ...?
H-HOW ARE WE GOING ...
HEY, STOP THAT. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO COME WITH, RIGHT? AND STOP TOUCHING ME IN WEIRD PLACES!
GYAAAH! I'M GOING TO DIE, GOD HAS ABANDONED ME!!!
IT'S ALRIGHT! THE MAGIC OF SOLOMON'S STAFF CAN MANIPULATE THE LAWS OF PHYSICS AFTER ALL!

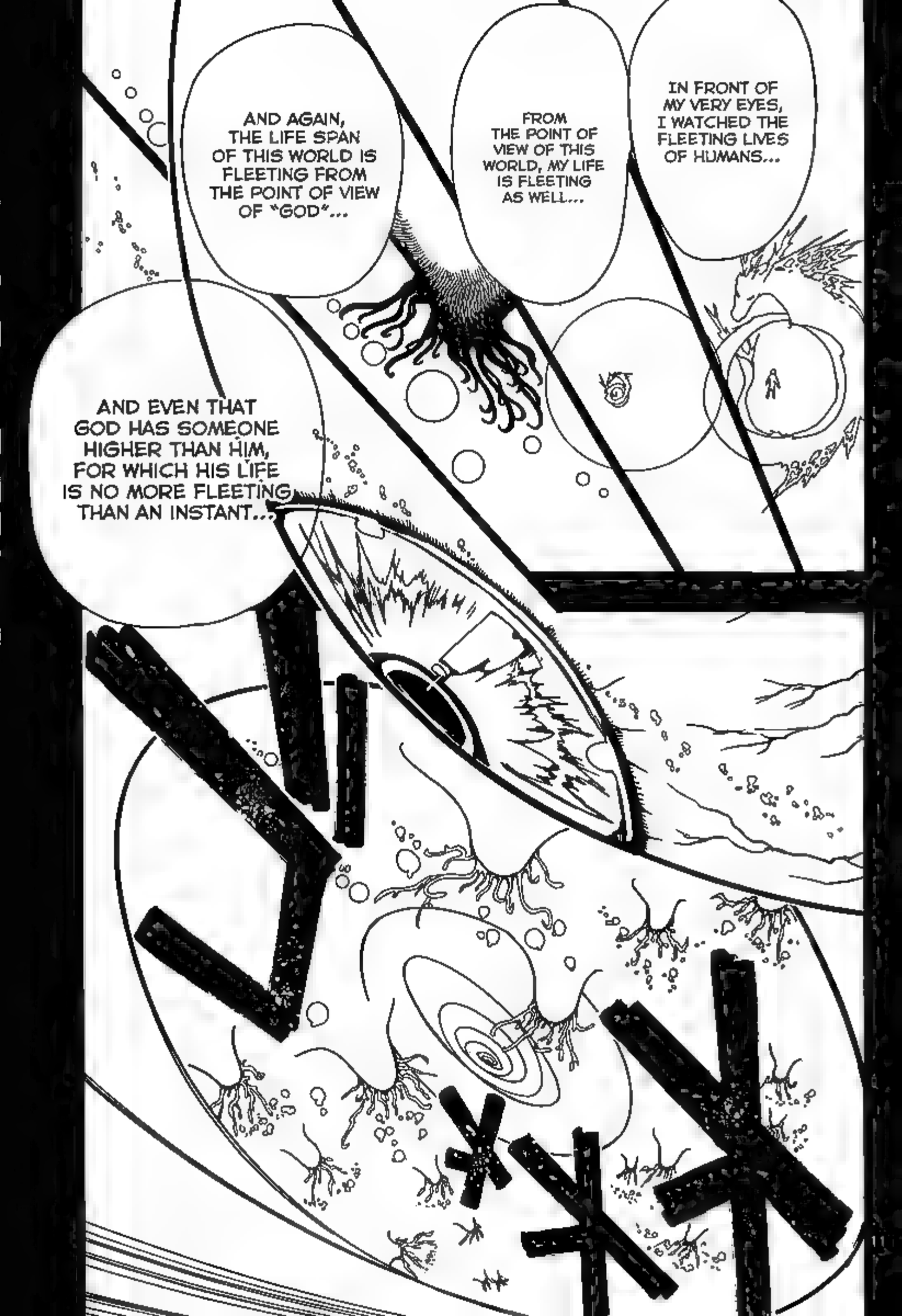

THE MOTHER DRAG-ONS.
AND THE ONES WHO LIVE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE "CON-TINENTAL RIFT"...
THOSE TWO SPECIES HAVE SUCH A STRONG LIFE FORCE THAT EVEN THE MIND BREAK-ING MAGIC BOUNCES BACK AGAINST THEM...
CURRENTLY, THERE ARE TWO SPECIES CAPABLE OF INTELLECT THAT DIDN'T FALL TO THE MAGICIANS, EVEN CONSIDER-ING THE POWER THEY HAVE.
THE "RED LIONS" OF THE ISTEQA CONTINENT.


THAT'S WHY... LITTLE ONE, I WAS HAPPY WHEN I MET YOU...
HOWEVER... I AM THE ONLY ONE LEFT.
IT WAS ACTUALLY MY FATHER WHO INVENTED THE "GUNUD" 500 YEARS AGO TOGETHER WITH HIS COMRADES AT THE TIME.
AT THAT TIME, SOLOMON VOLUNTEERED TO SUBJUGATE THE OTHER SPECIES AND WAS A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF ELDER DAVID.
THAT'S THE REASON WHY THIS PERSON FEELS TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN THE OTHERS, AND IS FIGHTING THE HARDEST TO RE-LEASE THE OTHER SPECIES.
I SEE .. SO SOLOMON'S FATHER WAS THE ONE WHO CREATED THOSE TOWERS. EVEN IF NO ONE TALKS ABOUT THAT IN THE RESISTANCE, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT...
ELDER DAVID IS MORE THAN 800 YEARS OLD. HE IS THE OLDEST MAGICIAN IN THIS WORLD.
WHAT, 500 YEARS AGO!?
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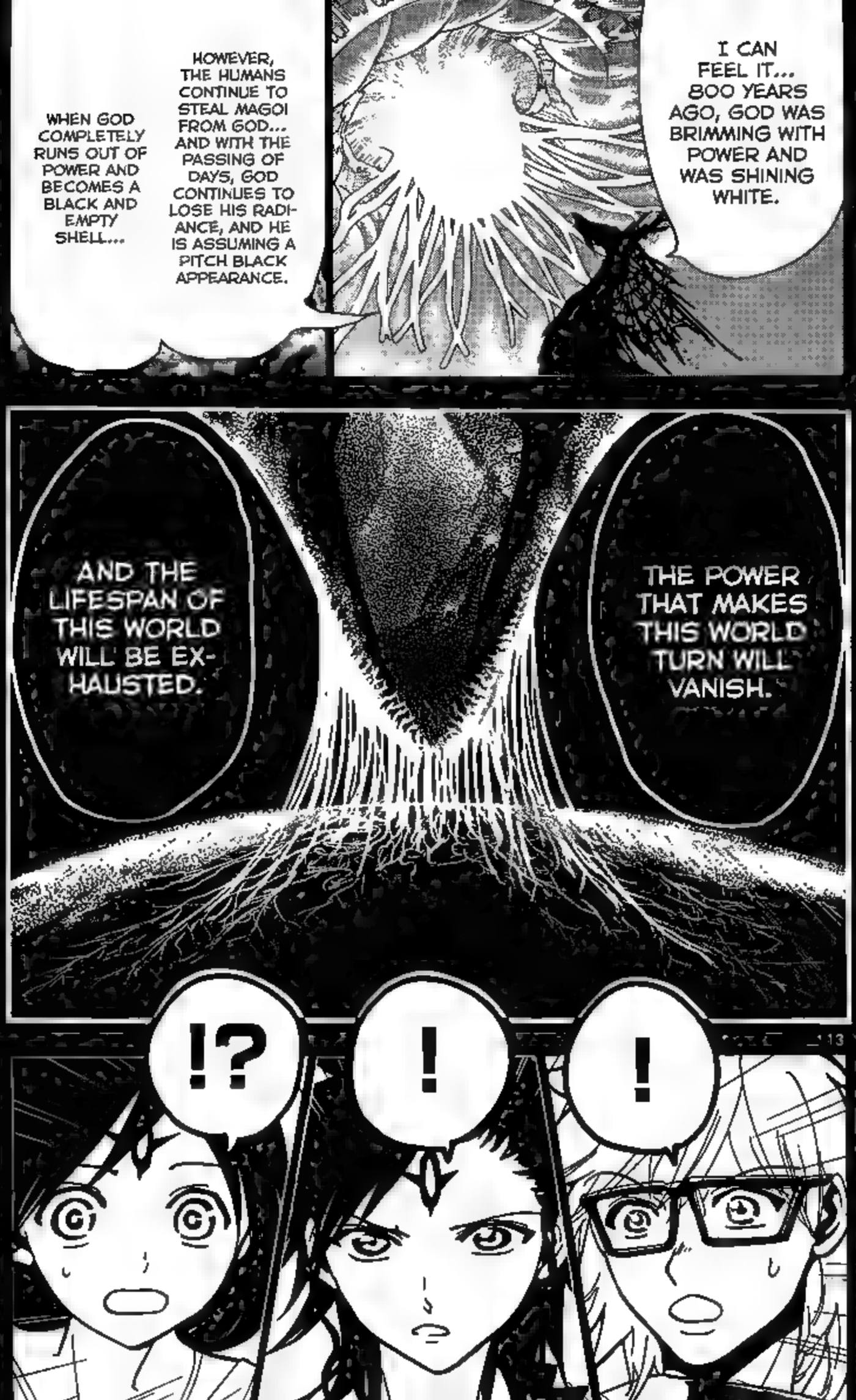

IT'S ALRIGHT!
WHAT?
YOU'RE HELPING EVERYONE RIGHT NOW, AND...
WE'RE FIGHTING AND DEVOTING OUR POWERS TO HELP EVERYONE THANKS TO YOU. NOW THAT WE'VE BECOME LIKE THIS...
WE WILL ALWAYS, ALWAYS BE
ON YOUR SIDE, SOLO-MON!


...YES,
THANK YOU.
AT THAT TIME ...
I RECEIVED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CLAIMING THE DEPTHS OF THE "CONTINENTAL RIFT" FROM MY FATHER.


BUT I STILL HADN'T RECEIVED THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE DIVINE STAFF.
SHE TOLD ME A LOT OF THINGS. I BEGAN TO THINK THAT THE EMOTIONALLY-BIASED EXCLUSION DOCTRINE TOWARD THE OTHER SPECIES THAT MY FATHER IMPRINTED IN ME WAS STUPID.
AFTER THAT, I CAME HERE A LOT OF TIMES AND LITTLE BY LITTLE, MY WAY OF THINKING CHANGED.
THE ONE WHO SAVED SOLOMON IN THIS SUBSPACE WAS...
HER.
I...
SAW IT.
THE WAY IN WHICH THIS WORLD CAME TO BE.
SEVERAL MILLIONS ...
SEVERAL BILLIONS OF LIVES WERE BORN,
CONTINENTS WERE CREATED ...
AND THEN DESTROYED AGAIN AND AGAIN...


IN FRONT OF MY VERY EYES, I WATCHED THE FLEETING LIVES OF HUMANS...
FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THIS WORLD, MY LIFE IS FLEETING AS WELL...
AND AGAIN, THE LIFE SPAN OF THIS WORLD IS FLEETING FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF "GOD"...
AND EVEN THAT GOD HAS SOMEONE HIGHER THAN HIM, FOR WHICH HIS LIFE IS NO MORE FLEETING THAN AN INSTANT...


HAHA-HAH!
WAIT, NOW MY HEAD IS BEGIN-NING TO HURT.
.....
EH? HEY WAIT A MOMENT.
I HAVE A THEORY ABOUT THAT. BECAUSE AT ANY RATE... THE MAGOI THAT GOD IS SCATTERING IS BECOMING WEAKER AND WEAKER.
.....
YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT THE LIFE-SPAN OF THIS WORLD, RIGHT? EVEN WORLDS HAVE A LIFE SPAN?
JUST AS I THOU-GHT!
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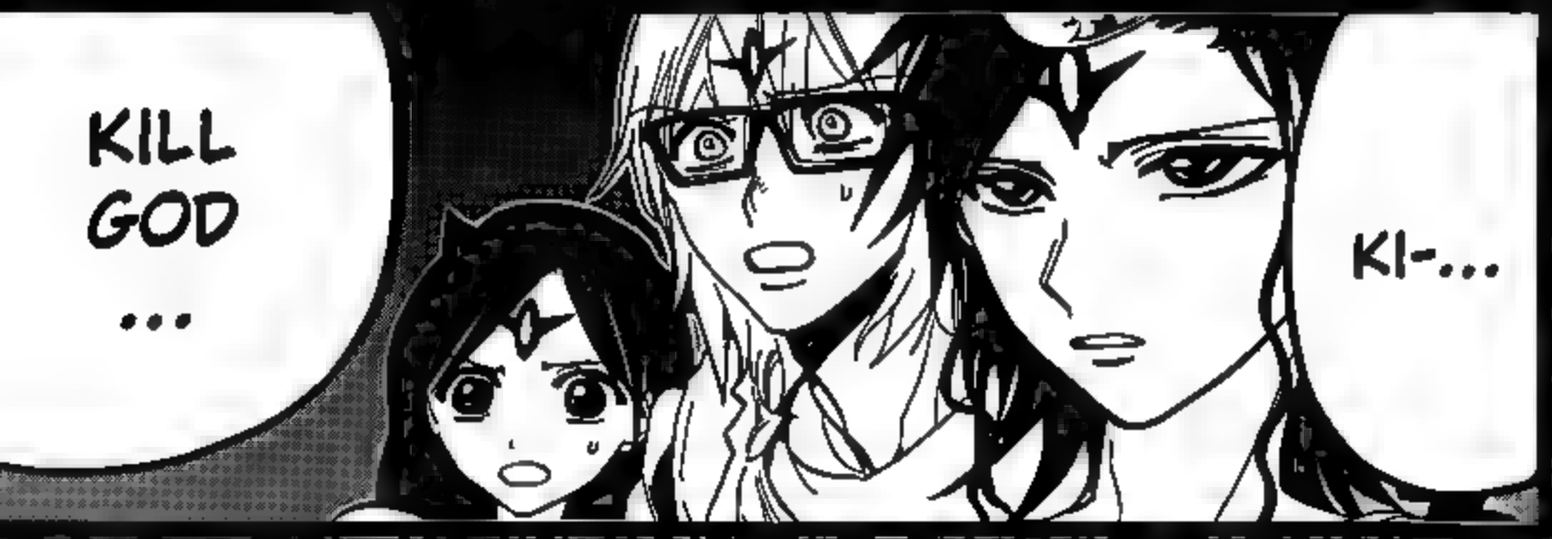

I CAN FEEL IT... 800 YEARS AGO, GOD WAS BRIMMING WITH POWER AND WAS SHINING WHITE.
HOWEVER, THE HUMANS CONTINUE TO STEAL MAGOI FROM GOD... AND WITH THE PASSING OF DAYS, GOD CONTINUES TO LOSE HIS RADIANCE, AND HE IS ASSUMING A PITCH BLACK APPEARANCE.
WHEN GOD COMPLETELY RUNS OUT OF POWER AND BECOMES A BLACK AND EMPTY SHELL...
THE POWER THAT MAKES THIS WORLD TURN WILL VANISH.
AND THE LIFESPAN OF THIS WORLD WILL BE EXHAUSTED.
!?
!
!


WAIT A MINUTE, THAT'S STRANGE.
?
WILL BE EXHAUST-ED?
WHAT WILL [illegible] WHEN THE LIFESPAN OF THIS WORLD...
WE WILL ALL DIE.
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I THINK THAT LEGEND ITSELF IS SUSPICIOUS.
WHY DID HE DESCEND UPON US 800 YEARS AGO AND GIVE HUMANS POWER AND THAT MIS-SION?
WHY IS GOD DOING SUCH A THING? IF GIVING MAGOI TO HUMANS IS A SUICIDAL ACTION...
WHAT IF THEY HAVE DISTORTED THE MEANING OF THE SO CALLED "HUMAN'S NOBLE MISSION"...?
THAT'S RIGHT,
DID YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBIL-ITY THAT THE PEOPLE WHO SAW HIM FIRST MAY HAVE DISTORTED HISTORY?
THIS IS WHAT I THINK. "GOD" ...PROBABLY DOESN'T HAVE ANY WILL. IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN JUST A LUMP OF POWER.

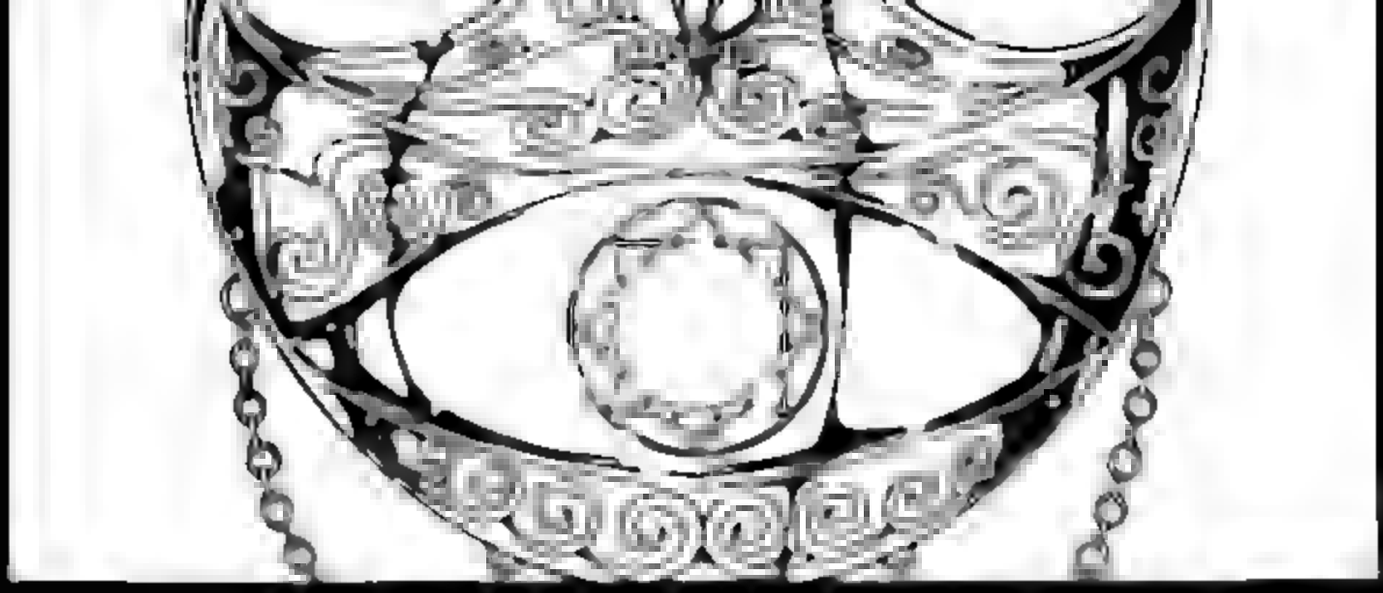

I THINK THAT YOU SAID TOO MUCH RIGHT NOW. YOU KNOW...
SHES RIGHT, SOLOMON. I LIKE THAT PART OF YOU, BUT...
THEN, ARE WE REALLY DOING THE RIGHT THING?
THAT'S CRUEL! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING? GOD DOES EXIST!
EVERYONE IS FIGHTING BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT.
"THE ORTHODOX'S AGENDA IS WRONG, GOD'S REAL INTENTION IS TO ERASE THE CONFLICTS AMONG THE DIFFERENT SPECIES, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY".
YOU ALWAYS SAY THIS WHEN WE RELEASE OTHER SPECIES.


SORRY.
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
IN ANY CASE.
IT'S STRANGE THAT THE LIFESPAN OF THIS WORLD WOULD BE EXHAUSTED IN JUST 800 YEARS.
A MAGICIAN'S "MAGIC" IS NOTHING MORE THAT BORROWING THE POWER OF THE NATURAL PHENOMENA THAT ALREADY EXISTS IN THIS WORLD.
IN THAT CASE, IT MEANS THAT SOMETHING THAT EXCEEDS THE SIMPLE NATURAL PHENOMENA OF THIS WORLD HAS BEEN DONE...
SOMEONE MUST HAVE REACHED THE DOMAIN THAT ONLY THE "GOD" OF THIS WORLD SHOULD TOUCH.
EVERYTHING BEGAN 500 YEARS AGO...
AND IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS, IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE EXTREME.
IN OTHER WORDS ...
IN OTHER WORDS ...


EVEN IF THAT SOMETHING WILL KILL GOD HIMSELF...
SOMEONE IS SURPASSING GOD, AND IS ABOUT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING.


KILL GOD ...
KI-...


ELDER DAVID ...
WHAT THE HELL IS HE THINK-ING?
THERE IS... AT LEAST ONE MAGI-CIAN WHO WAS ALIVE 500 YEARS AGO, AND STILL LIVES TODAY.
WHO IN THE WORLD WOULD DO SUCH A THING...?
I KNOW ...
SOLO-MON...




IN THE NEXT ISSUE, A MAGI SPECIAL DVD!?
IT WILL CONTINUE IN "KING DRIZZT'S NEUROSURGERY"!!

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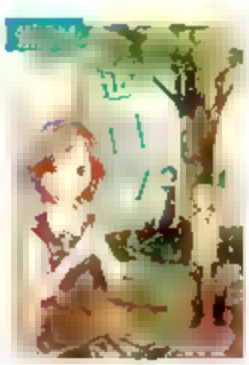
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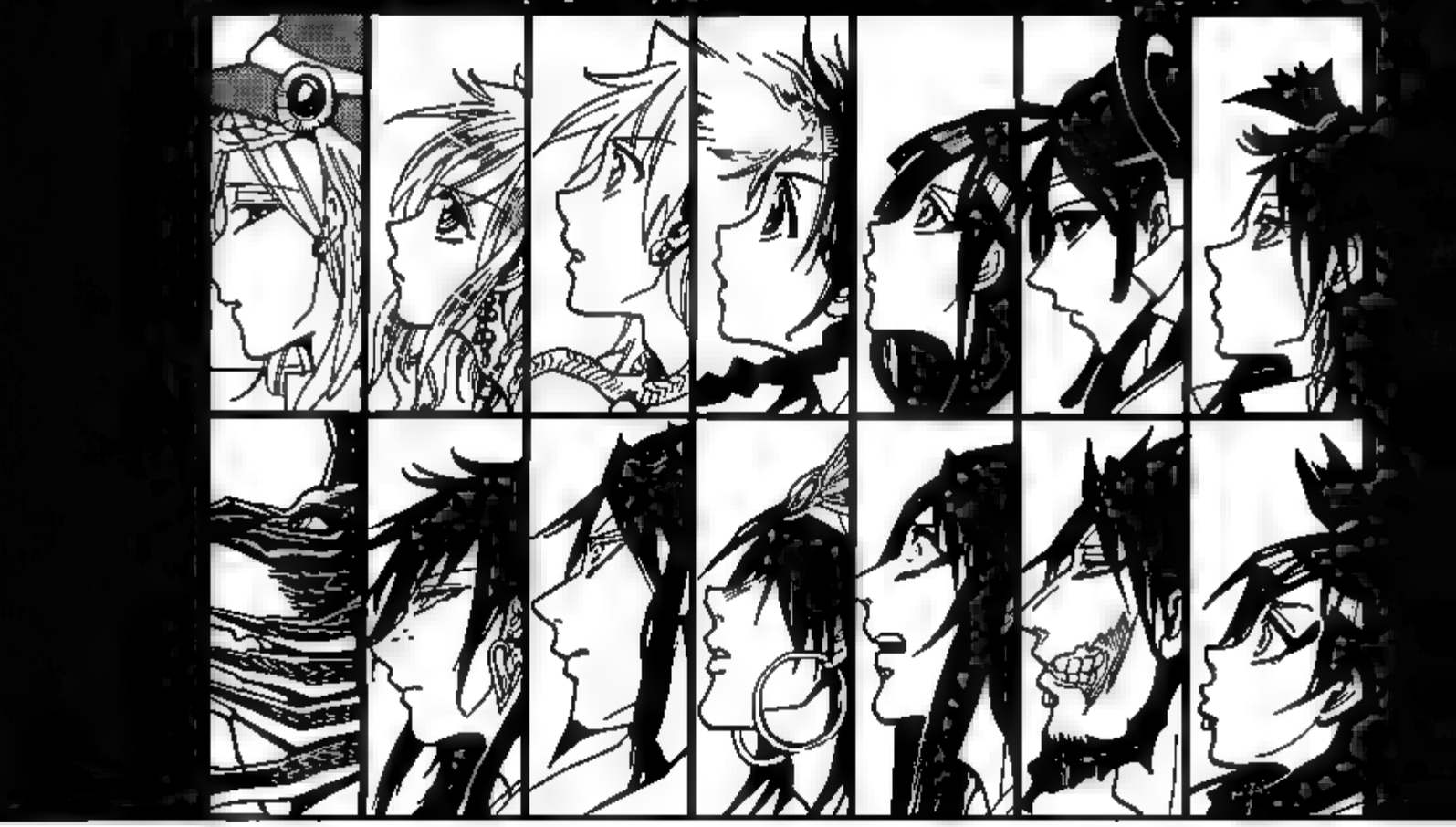


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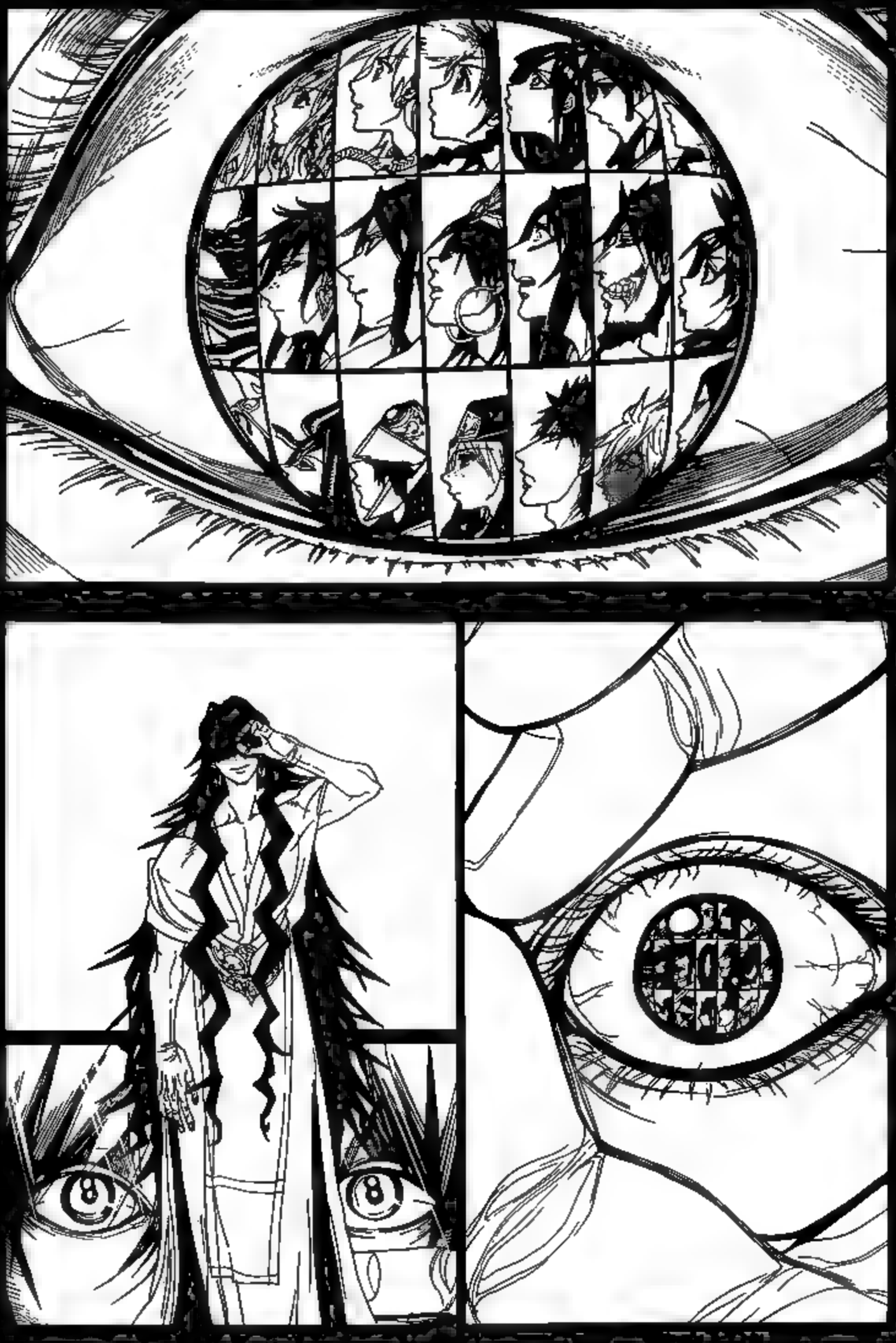
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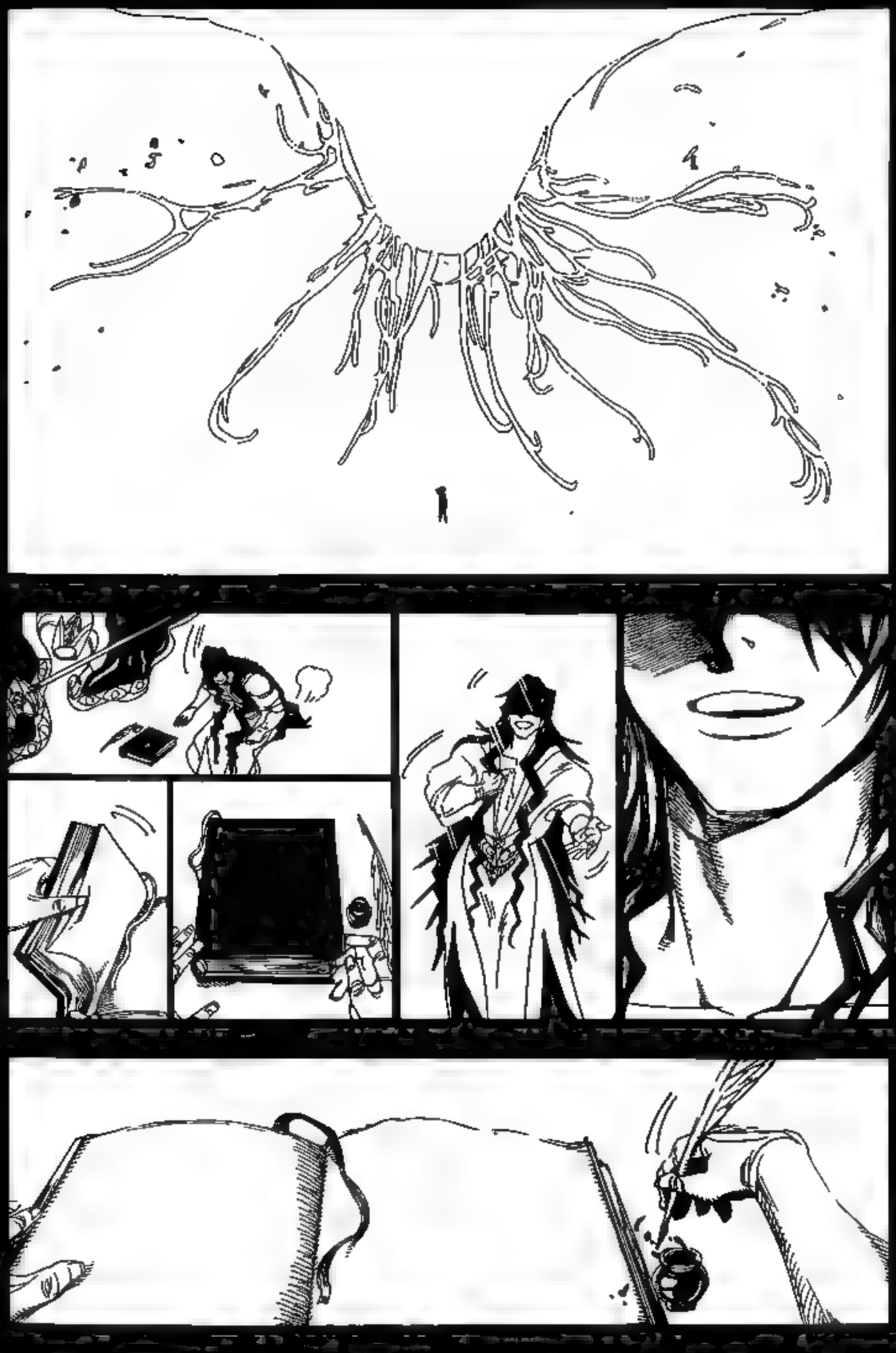


ALADDIN'S "SOLOMON'S WISDOM" IS A SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS HIM TO TAKE A PEEK IN THE RECORDS STORED INSIDE OF THE RUKH. BECAUSE OF THIS, ALADDIN AND THE OTHERS CANNOT SEE EVENTS THAT ARE NOT RECORDED IN THE "GREAT FLOW". HOWEVER, THERE EXISTS MANY TRUTHS IN THE OTHER WORLD THAT ALADDIN IS UNABLE TO SHOW THE PEOPLE AT THE SUMMIT. HERE, WE WILL DISCLOSE SOME OF THOSE TRUTHS.



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IT IS NOT JUST ME. ALL THE THINGS THAT EXIST, ALL THE PHENOMENA ARE ENTRUSTED WITH A MISSION. EVEN GOD IS LIKE THAT. WHAT IS GOD'S MISSION? CREATION. THE WORLD CREATION ITSELF IS THE MISSION OF GOD. HIS MISSION IS TO GOVERN OVER ALL THE PHENOMENON THAT CREATES THE WORLD AND MAKE IT WORK. AND I, THE ONE STANDING ON GOD'S SIDE, HAVE THE SAME MISSION. RIGHT NOW, THERE IS ONLY A SINGLE PATH THAT I CAN CHOOSE.

EVER SINCE I NOTICED THIS, I FOUGHT EARNESTLY. WHAT DID I FIGHT AGAINST? MY OPPONENTS WEREN'T THE OTHER SPECIES, OR THE INFLUENCE OF THE FEW MAGICIANS WHO DIDN'T FOLLOW THE ORTHODOX'S WAYS. IT WAS MY OWN LIFESPAN. MAGICIANS INHERENTLY POSSESS INFINITE POSSIBILITIES, BUT PRACTICALLY, THEIR LIFE IS LIMITED AND THE TIME THEY HAVE IS REALLY SHORT. I USED ALL OF MY POWERS TO STRETCH MY LIFESPAN IN ORDER TO REALIZE MY MISSION. THERE WERE ALSO PEOPLE WHO LAUGHED AT ME, CALLING ME A COWARD, BUT FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO REALIZED WHAT HIS MISSION WAS, TO CONTROL THE OTHER SPECIES AND OBTAIN THE MAGICIAN COUNTRY WAS NOT ENOUGH.

I WAS STRIVING TO ACCOMPLISH MY MISSION. THE CREATION OF THE "GUNUD" TO CONTROL THE OTHER SPECIES, THE POWER I HAVE OBTAINED IN THE ORTHODOX, AND THE CREATION OF THE WORTHLESS "AGENDA", WERE NOTHING MORE THAN THINGS TO ACCOMPLISH MY MISSION.

TO THINK THAT I WOULD HAVE A SON. THIS MUST ALSO BE NECESSARY FOR THE SAKE OF CREATING THE NEW WORLD, AFTER ALL. SOONER OR LATER HE WILL STAND AGAINST ME, AND HE WILL PROBABLY DEFEAT ME. THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR. EVERYTHING IS PART OF DESTINY. AND BEFORE LONG, HE WILL FOLLOW MY PATH AND MAKE THE WORLD ADVANCE TO THE NEXT STAGE.

MY SON IS NOT A SINGULARITY, BUT HE IS SOMEONE WHO POSSESSES MY BLOOD. IF HE IS A BEING WHO WAS CHOSEN BY DESTINY, FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM MY PATH, THEN HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND MY WORDS. HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THEM, EVEN IF HE DOES NOT REALIZE IT. AND THEN, AFTER A LONG TIME, WE WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO REACH THE TRUE SINGULARITY THAT WILL BE IN THE NEW-BORN WORLD AT THE END OF THE PATH CREATED BY DESTINY. THAT IS THE TRUE UTOPIA. THAT IS THE TRUE BEAUTIFUL WORLD. WHEN THAT TIME COMES, I WILL BE EQUAL TO GOD, AND I WILL ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION THAT EXCEEDS EVEN GOD HIMSELF.

MY SON IS BORN. I NEVER DESIRED HAVE A SON IN THE LAST 800 YEARS, BUT IN THIS MOMENT I THINK THAT TO HAVE A SON IS NECESSARY, AND I CAN'T OPPOSE SUCH A FACT. EVERYTHING IS PART OF DESTINY.

DESTINY. THE PATH OF THIS WORLD THAT STRETCHES BEFORE MY EYES IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ACCUMULATION OF DIFFERENT PHENOMENA. THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD IS NOTHING MORE THAN ONE OF THOSE PHENOMENA.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN SEE THE FUTURE. NO MATTER HOW SOPHISTICATED THE MAGIC TECHNIQUES WILL BECOME, MAGIC CAPABLE OF PREDICTING THE FUTURE WILL NEVER MANIFEST. BUT THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT. IF SOMEONE DEVOTES HIMSELF TO OBSERVING THE PATHS IN THIS WORLD, AND HE IS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND THE INTERACTIONS OF SUCH PATHS, HE CAN NATURALLY SEE ANY KIND OF PHENOMENA THAT BELONGS TO THE FUTURE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND THINGS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO NOTICE BY THE OTHERS.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY I WAS ABLE TO NOTICE. WELL, MAYBE SOMEONE AMONG THE OTHER SPECIES CAPABLE OF INTELLECT IN THIS WORLD ALSO NOTICED IT. WE ARE THE ONES WHO NOTICED.... THE "SINGULARITY" BORN INTO THIS WORLD. BUT THEY HAVE DISAPPEARED AND JUST AS THE ONES WHO DIDN'T NOTICE, DID NOT MAKE ANY INFLUENCE ON THE WORLD, UNLIKE ME. THERE IS MEANING IN WHAT I HAVE NOTICED. IT IS SOMETHING THAT I, AS A MAGICIAN, AS SOMEONE WHO WAS CHOSEN BY GOD TO USE THE DIVINE POWER OF MAGIC, AND AS A PERSON WHO STANDS ON GOD'S SIDE COULD NOTICE. THIS IS NOT A BLESSING. IT IS ONLY DESPERATE LONELINESS. CAN YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND MY LONELINESS? THE LONELINESS OF SOMEONE WHO HAS REACHED A DIFFERENT NATURE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD?

IN THE BEGINNING, I CURSED GOD FOR THIS. WHY WAS I THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO SEE THE LIMITS OF THIS WORLD? IN THAT MOMENT, HOW COULD GOD SAVE MY HEART THAT WAS FILLED WITH DESPAIR ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD? THE HEART. WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THE HEART? THE HEART IS A PRODUCT OF IGNORANCE. THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THE TRACKS OF FATE CAN ONLY CHOOSE THAT ROAD AND THEY GET EXCITED WHEN THEY BUMP AND STUMBLE AGAINST THE TURNING POINTS OF SUCH PATH. CONSEQUENTLY, I DON'T FEEL THOSE RIPPLES OF EMOTIONS ANYMORE.

...EVEN SO, AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE NOTICED IT. IF ALL THE PHENOMENA OF THIS WORLD ARE NATURAL, THEN MY EXISTENCE ITSELF IS ALSO NATURAL. EVEN THE SINGULARITIES ARE A NATURAL PHENOMENON IN THIS WORLD. I HAVE EVEN UNDERSTOOD ITS PURPOSE. THERE IS A MISSION. I EXIST IN ORDER TO FULFIL A MISSION TO ITS END.


THAT IS THE BOOK OF PROPHECIES THAT NO ONE EVER LAID EYES UPON. WAIT UNTIL THE DAY THE MYSTERY WILL BE UNVEILED...!

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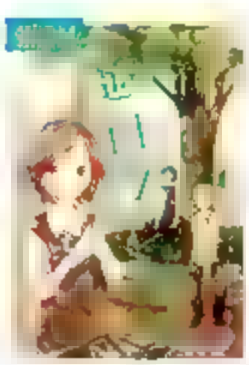
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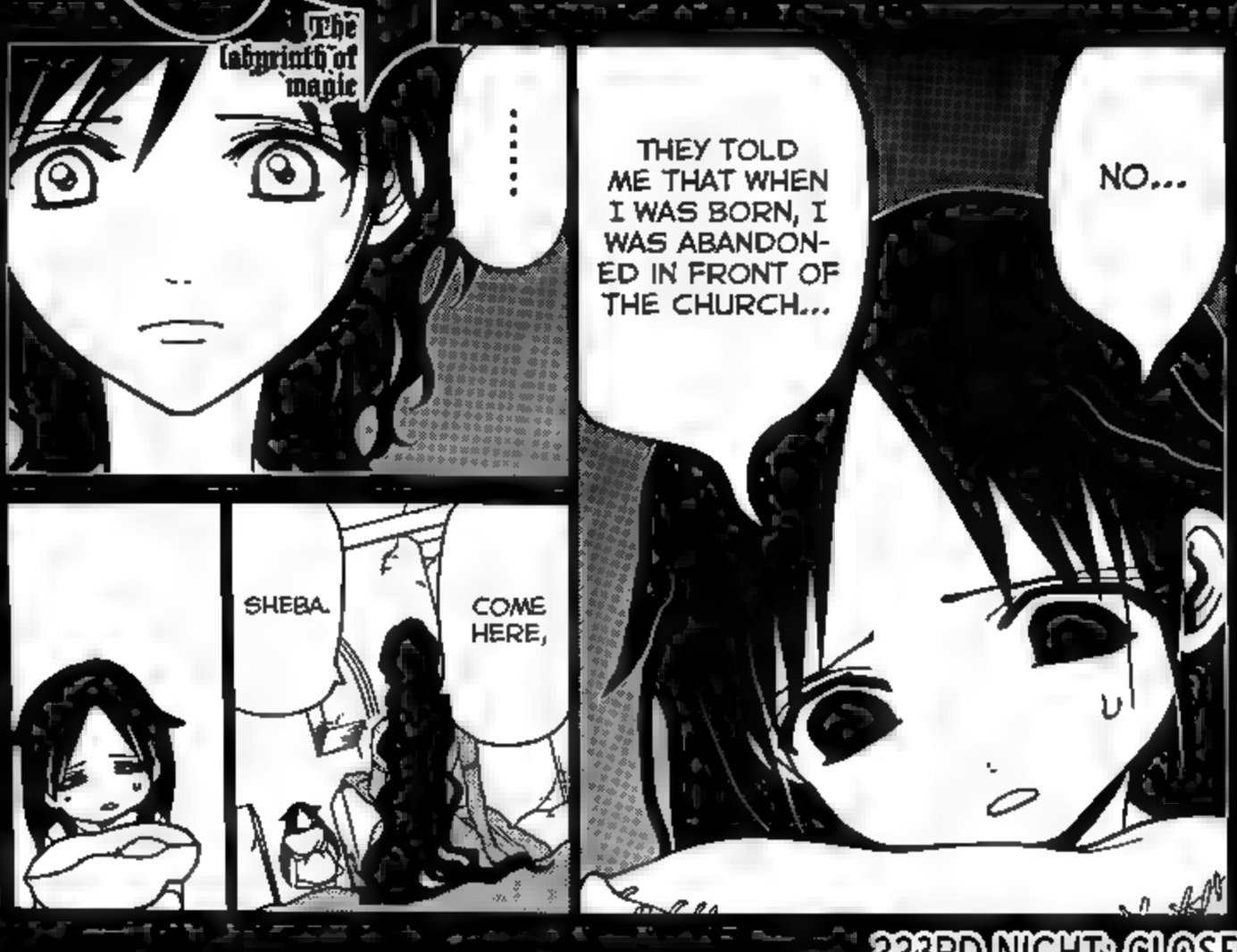
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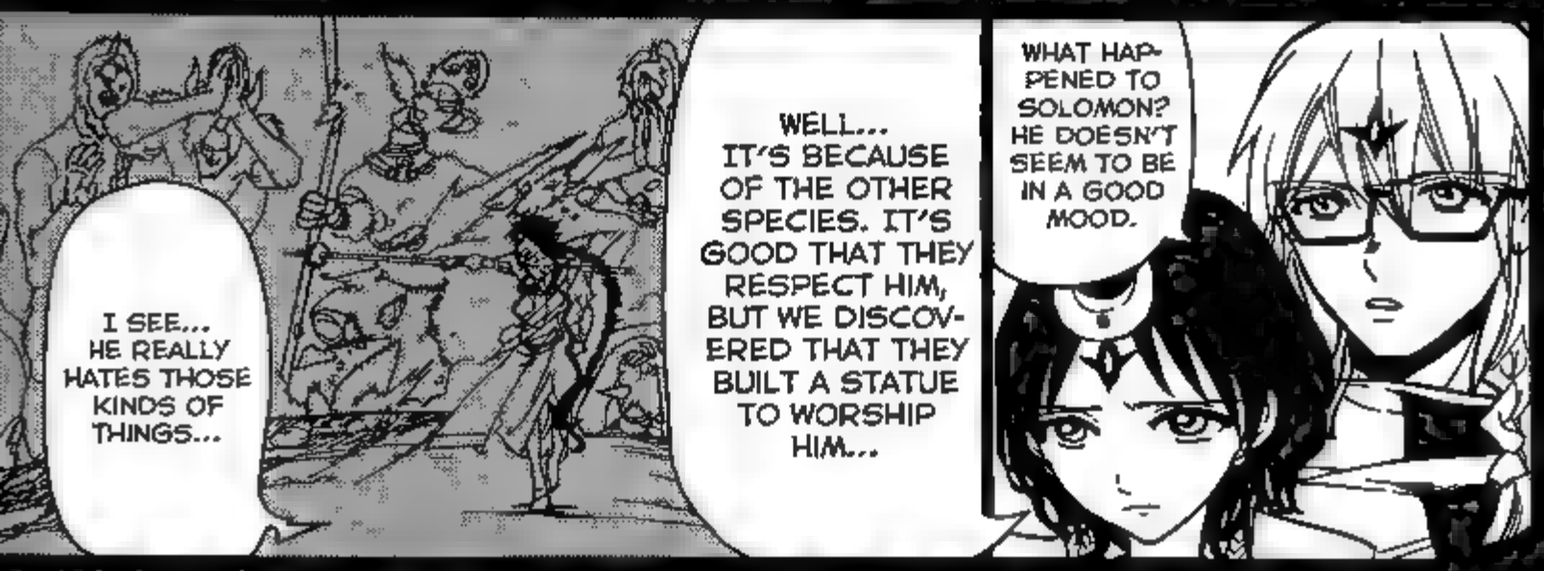
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THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO NERVOUS.
AND THEN, ARBA PET MY HAIR WITH HER GENTLE HANDS.
I FELT SO HAPPY. WOULD I FEEL LIKE THIS IF I HAD A MOTHER AND A FATHER? THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING.
BOTH ARBA AND SOLOMON ARE KIND PEOPLE. THEY ARE LIKE EVERYONE'S FATHER AND MOTHER.


THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT BUT...
I WANT TO BECOME A WOMAN LIKE THAT!
JUST LIKE ARBA AND SOLOMON, I WANT TO BE CONSIDERATE TO EVERYONE, WHILE MUTUALLY RESPECTING OTHERS.
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANTED TO BECOME LIKE THEM.
HOW DID THINGS END UP LIKE THIS ...?
HMM?
HEY FALAN, HOW COME YOU CHOSE WAHID INSTEAD OF SOLOMON?


I LIED, ARU.
I'M SO RELIEVED ...
ME TOO
E-EH!?
EH!?
I HAD TO, LIKE, COMPROMISE, ARU.
I WAS LIKE, PRAISING YOU, ARU! I EVEN LIKE, GAVE BIRTH TO YOUR SON, ARU! I HAVE THE DETERMINATION OF STAYING MARRIED WITH YOU LIKE, FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE, ARU!
YOU'RE BAD-MOUTHING ME TOO MUCH, BITCH!
IT'S LIKE, SO SIMPLE. THE ONE I ENDED UP LIKING THE MOST IS LIKE, THIS GOOD FOR NOTHING, CHEERFUL, AND SIMPLE MAN, WHO LIKE, ONLY THINKS ABOUT EATING AND TITS, ARU.
K-KID!?
EH!?
THAT'S WHY, SHEBA, YOU SHOULD GIVE BIRTH TO SOLOMON'S KID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.


WELCOME BACK, SOLOMON, ARBA!
FALAN SAYS A LOT OF RECKLESS THINGS...
...HUH?


I SEE... HE REALLY HATES THOSE KINDS OF THINGS...
WELL... IT'S BECAUSE OF THE OTHER SPECIES. IT'S GOOD THAT THEY RESPECT HIM, BUT WE DISCOVERED THAT THEY BUILT A STATUE TO WORSHIP HIM...
WHAT HAPPENED TO SOLOMON? HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN A GOOD MOOD.

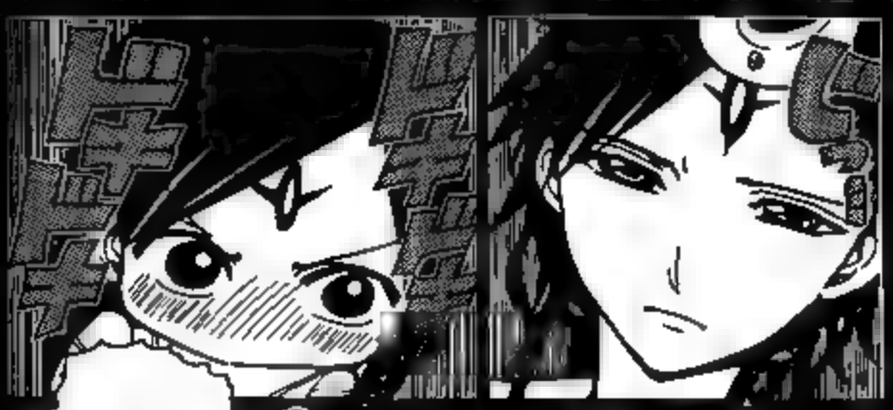

EH, ABOUT WHAT?
B-BY THE WAY~ THE OTHER SPECIES WERE ONCE AGAIN CURIOUS ABOUT US!
A-AL-RIGHT!
QUIT TALKING ABOUT THOSE DUMB THINGS. IN THE MEANTIME, UGO, TELL ME HOW THAT RESEARCH IS GOING.
.....


AH... THAT AGAIN.
THEY ASKED "WHY DOES THE MAGICIANS HAVE SO FEW OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN?"
AHAHA! YOU'RE SO INNOCENT, SHEBA.
D-DON'T TALK ABOUT SEXUAL INTERCOURSE!
ARBA IS THE ELDEST AMONG US. HER WAY OF THINKING IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN OURS.
800 YEARS AGO, THE HUMANS HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE ALL YEAR LONG, AND IT SEEMS THAT THEY WERE ALWAYS MAKING CHILDREN. THAT SOUNDS SO HEALTHY-
WE MAGICIANS ARE ABLE TO CONTROL THE PROCESS OF AGING. POWERFUL MAGICIANS CAN LIVE FOR SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF YEARS. IF WE DON'T AGE, WE DON'T HAVE THE NECESSITY OF RUSHING THINGS AND HAVE DESCENDANTS.
MAN, YOU ARE SO COLD!
EH- I'M F NE, I'M 200 YEARS TOO EARLY FOR THAT...
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A CHILD WITH THE WOMAN YOU LOVE. YOU SHOULD HAVE ONE TOO, SOLOMON!
THAT'S NOT JUST A LAST RESORT!
WELL, AT THAT TIME, FEW HUMANS WOULD LIVE MORE THAN 50 YEARS. THEY BRED AS A LAST RESORT.


I DON'T EVEN HAVE BROTHERS. I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE MEMORY OF LOVE BETWEEN MY FATHER AND I.
YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT WAS COLD. EVEN IF I TALK ABOUT FAMILIAL LOVE TO THE OTHER SPECIES, I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED IT MYSELF.
WAHID AND FALAN
THAT'S WHY, ITHNAN, SETTA,
SOLOMON ...
YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR FAMILY THAT I NEVER HAD.
I GETJEALOUS WHEN I LOOK AT YOU. AND AT THE SAME TIME, I RE-SPECT YOU.
AND THAT'S WHY THEY TRUST ME. IN TRUTH, YOU CAN SAY THAT THE SPECIES THAT WE HAVE FREED ARE FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD AND NOT MINE.
YOU HAVE SHOWED THE OTHER SPECIES THE HUMAN'S WAY TO LOVE SO EARNESTLY, WHICH I CAN'T SHOW.


THAT'S WHY, FROM NOW ON... WHEN YOU NOTICE THINGS THAT I LACK,
YOU SHOULD SAY IT TO MY FACE, AND TELL ME HOW COLD I AM.


YOU ALSO SAY THINGS THAT BURN, YOU KNOW?




DO YOU FEEL LIKE MAKING ONE, ARU!?
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W-WHAT!?
ANYWAY, CHILDREN, HUH...
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HA-HAHA-HA!
IF WE WANT TO HAVE A BRAT, WE ALREADY HAVE THIS ONE HERE, AND THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH, RIGHT?
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I WAS FINE WITH THAT IN THE PAST, BUT NOW...
TO SOLOMON, I'M NOTHING MORE THAT A LITTLE BRAT WHO GETS IN THE WAY WITH HIM AND ARBA AFTER ALL.
SHEBA, ARE YOU AWAKE?
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HEHEH, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
WHY DID YOU COME IN?
I'M SLEEP-ING.
AHAHAH, SO YOU ARE AWAKE! I'M COMING IN.
HEY, SHEBA ...
BECOME SOLOMON'S WIFE.


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ARBA?
.....
ARBA?
...WHAT'S GOING ON,
MARRY HIM, AND STAY WITH THAT MAN, ALWAYS. REMAIN AS HIS ALLY. YOU HAVE THE DETER-MINATION TO DO THAT.
I'M NOT KIDDING AROUND. I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL.
I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS TO CONTINUE DOING SO.
I WILL MAKE FUN OF HIM.
YOU'RE ALSO AWARE THAT HE'S JUST 22 YEARS OLD, RIGHT?
TO TELL THE TRUTH, THAT MAN IS A STRONG MAGICIAN, BUT HIS SPIRIT IS NOT THAT STRONG.
WE WILL BECOME SOLO-MON'S... PILLARS OF SUP-PORT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
.....
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO MAKE FUN OF SOLOMON.


I HAVE WATCHED OVER THE YOUNG MASTER SINCE HE WAS BORN. HE IS OF NOBLE BIRTH, HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, SO THEY ORDERED ME TO BECOME HIS FRIEND.
I AM ONE IN A COUNTLESS LINE OF MAGICIANS CREATED BY THE HIGHER UPS OF AN ELDER COUNCIL IN THE ORTHODOX IN ORDER TO SERVE THEM.
THE SAME AS ELDER DAVID...
HE WAS JUST LIKE HIS FATHER.
IN THE BEGINNING, HE REALLY WAS A GOOD FOR NOTHING KID. I WONDERED IF HE COULD BECOME A SPLENDID SUPPORTER OF THE DOCTRINE THAT REJECTS THE OTHER SPECIES IF HE GREW UP JUST LIKE THAT.
HE NEEDS SOMEONE TO BE HIS ALLY, NO MATTER WHAT.
THAT'S WHY, FROM NOW ON... NO MATTER HOW HIGH SOLOMON WILL CLIMB,
TO BE WORSHIPPED BY THE OTHER SPECIES AND ONE DAY BECOME LIKE HIS FATHER. HE IS SCARED THAT HE MIGHT BECOME AN ARROGANT AND CONTROLLING RULER.
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S WHAT SOLOMON FEARS THE MOST.
AND GOES ON AND ON TALKING ABOUT THE STUPID THINGS HE IS DOING.
HE NEEDS SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T OVERLOOK HIS SINS,


ARBA
...
EVEN IF DOING SO WILL FORCE HIM TO KILL THAT PERSON.
BUT, YOU KNOW, SHEBA..
.....
THAT'S RIGHT!
.....
THAT SOLOMON WON'T END UP LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
IT'S ALSO POSSI-BLE...


HE IS FRIGHTENED OF THE POSSIBILITIES HE HAS... AND HE ALSO FEELS THE WEIGHT OF HIS FATHER'S SIN, WHO IS THE RINGLEADER OF THOSE WHO CONTINUE MAKING THE OTHER SPECIES SUFFER.
SOLOMON HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF LIVING HAPPILY, EVEN IF HE REJECTS IT FROM WITHIN.
RIGHT!
I THINK THAT NO ONE WILL FOLLOW A KING WITH SUCH A BROKEN HEART.
BUT, HOW CAN A PERSON WHO TELLS OTHERS THAT IN EVERY LIFE OF THIS WORLD THERE IS LOVE, DESIRE A LIFE WITHOUT LOVE?
WHILE YOU WILL SUPPORT HIM WHEN HE IS ON THE VERGE OF BREAKING DOWN!
I WILL SUPPORT HIM IN TIMES THAT HE NEEDS TO BE BRUTAL AND FEROCIOUS...
WE WILL LIVE IN ORDER TO SUPPORT SOLOMON FROM BOTH SIDES.
THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD BECOME SOLOMON'S PILLARS OF SUPPORT.
HIS PILLARS ...
OF SUPPORT ...!?




I DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE A CHILD ANY-MORE.
YOU ARE THE ONLY WOMAN WHO CAN LOVE HIM.
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO THIS. UGO, WAHID, SETTA AND ITHNAN CAN'T DO IT.
PROMISE ME THAT.
SINCE THE DAY YOU BEGAN TO GLARE AT ME WITH THOSE SPARKLING EYES.
I DON'T THINK I'M READY TO BECOME SOLO-MON'S PILLAR OF SUPPORT WITH YOU.
THIS IS FRUS-TRAT-ING...
.....
SHEBA ...


YOU, THE OTHERS, AND SOLOMON HAPPY!
AN INCREDIBLE MAGICIAN WHO WILL MAKE
BUT I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ME!
I WILL BECOME STRONGER, AND THEN I'LL BE...
ALRIGHT ...
BUT I WANT US TO BE LIKE THIS FOREVER.
WE CAN'T. YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME.
AND YET, I'M SO SORRY THAT I'VE HAD SUCH A HORRIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD YOU...
I DON'T JUST LOVE SOLOMON. I ALSO LOVE YOU, ARBA...
IT'S ALRIGHT, SHEBA.


"AND WILL ALWAYS BE HIS ALLY."
"I WILL REMAIN MARRIED TO SOLOMON FOR ALL OF MY LIFE"
THE FOLLOWING DAY
ARBA... IT'S USELESS IF SOLOMON DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, ARE YOU STILL SLEEP TALKING?
AHA HAH ...
SOLOMON! PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!!!
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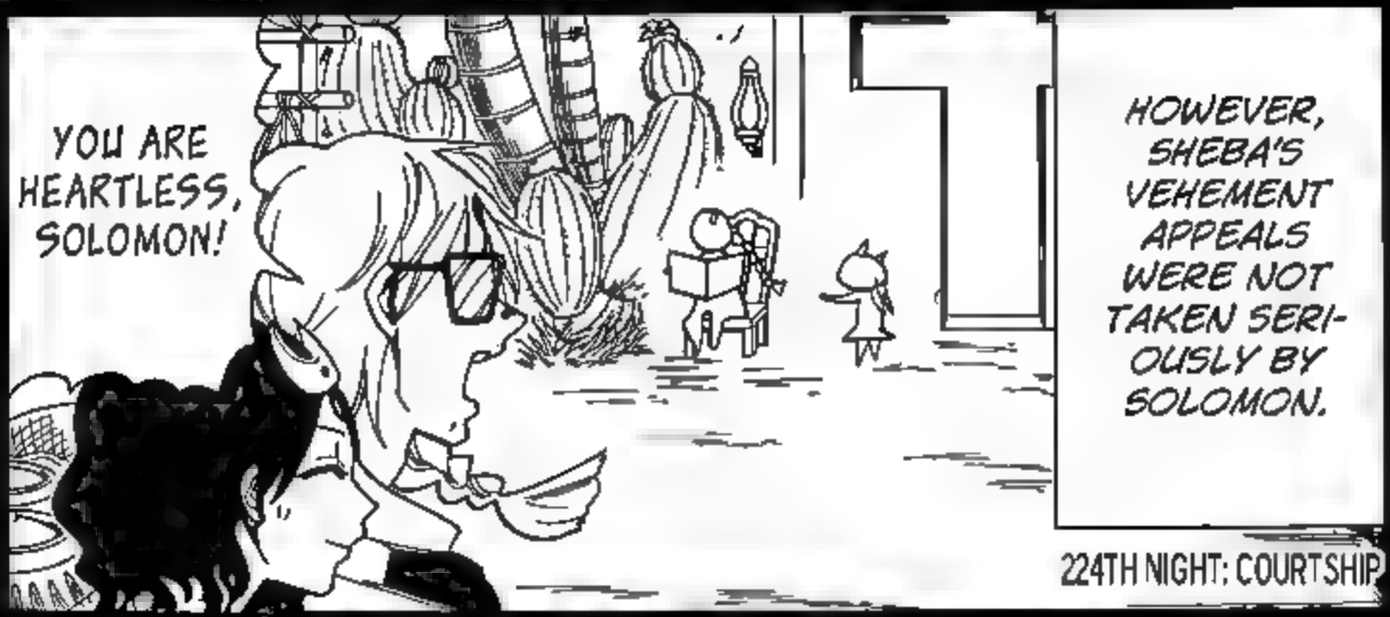
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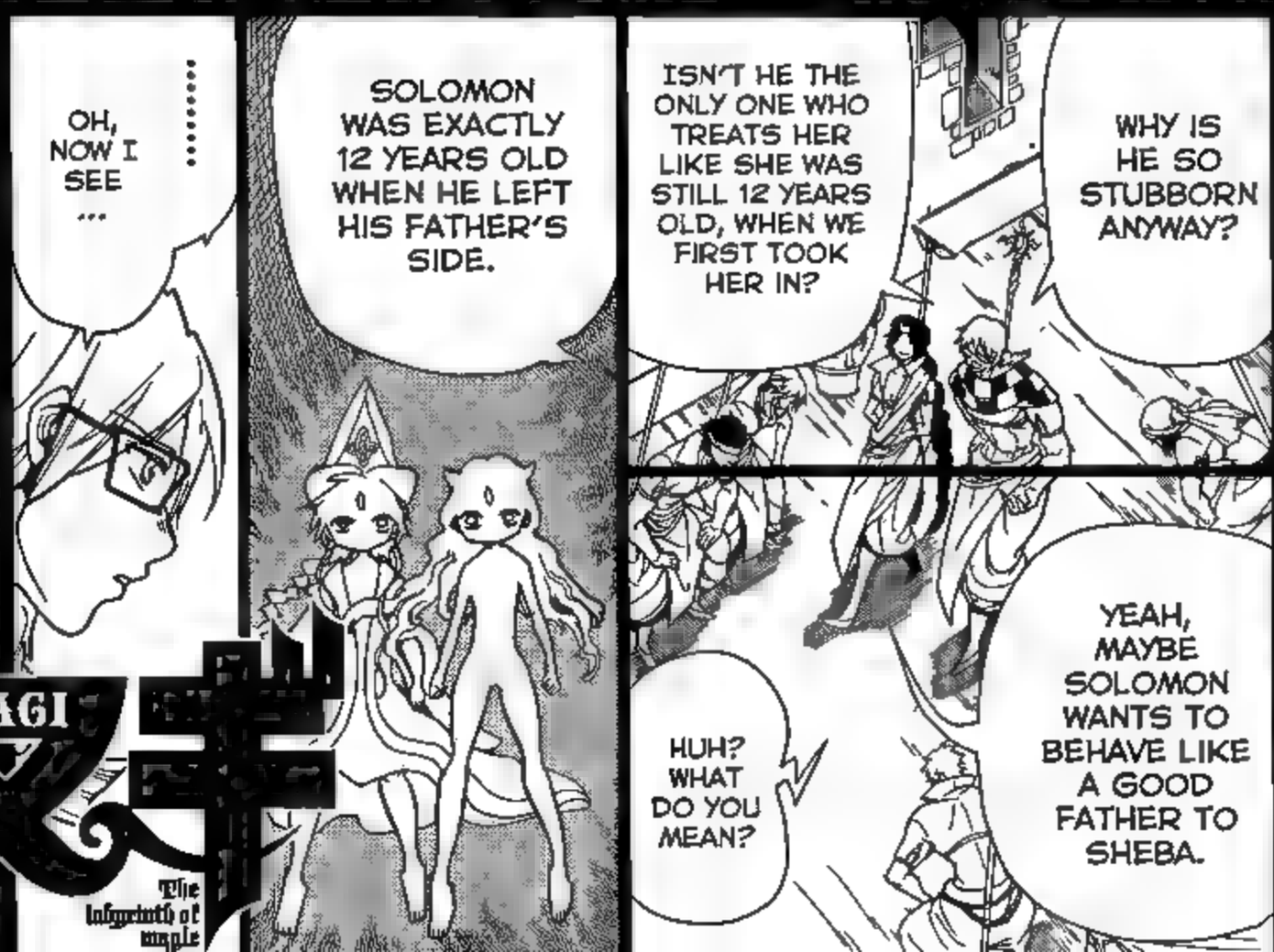

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224TH NIGHT: COURTSHIP




BECAUSE SHEBA HAS, AFTER USING MAGIC FOR ALL THIS TIME, BECOME A MAGICIAN WHOSE STRENGTH IS SECOND ONLY TO SOLOMON'S AND MINE.
BUT SURELY HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE WILL COME A TIME THAT HE SHOULD STOP TREATING HER LIKE THAT.
Zohal continent, Shamal district, second "Isolation Barrier"
!?
LADY SHEBA'S "BORG" IS...
IS EVERYONE IN THIS BARRIER LIVING WELL?
YES! EVERYONE IS WELL, LADY SHEBA.
.....


THIS CITY IS FULL OF HOSTILITY.
THIS PLACE FEELS STRANGE.
WE CAN'T USE MAGIC INSIDE THE ISOLATION BARRIER. IF IN CASE THERE WILL BE A BATTLE, USE ROUTE B1 TO EVACUATE. ABRIL, SAMBEL, IF I'M NOT BACK IN AN HOUR, CONTACT SOLOMON AT THE HEADQUARTERS.
UNDERSTOOD.
YANUYU, MARKKIO, I AM GOING TO MEET THE CHIEFTAINS. IN THE MEANTIME, INVESTIGATE THE WEAPON STORAGE.
UNDERSTOOD.
THERE IS INTERNAL DISCORD AMONG THE OTHER SPECIES!?
Head quarters
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING HERE...?


AND SOME TENSIONS HAVE BEEN GENERATED AMONG THEM.
YES. THE OTHER SPECIES HAVE TO LIVE INSIDE BARRIERS CREATED BY 3 "DIVINE STAVES" IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE MIND BREAKING MAGIC...
BUT BROTHER, THE NUMBER OF DIVINE STAVES IS LIMITED, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND THE NUMBER OF SPECIES INCREASES CONTINUOUSLY.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT ALSO HAPPENED BEFORE. IT'S WHY SPECIES WITH PARTICULAR RESENTMENT TOWARD ANOTHER SPECIES, AND SPECIES WITH DIFFERENT CREEDS WERE PUT INTO TERRITORIES FAR FROM EACHOTHER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OUR ALLIED MAGICIANS ...
YOU'RE RIGHT. HOWEVER, THE REPORTS SAY THAT THE RECENT SUDDEN INTENSIFICATION OF UPRISINGS ARE NOT DUE TO THE OTHER SPECIES.
THEN ...THE MAGICIANS OF THE "RESISTANCE" ARE ...!


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YEAH !!
HE'S RIGHT !!
THEY DON'T HAVE FANGS AND CLAWS. AND EVEN IF THEY'RE USELESS IN OUR "HOLY WAR", THEY RECEIVE FAVOURS FROM LORD SOLOMON EQUAL TO YOU "BERSERKERS" BECAUSE OF THEIR DEVIOUS INTELLIGENCE AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES. ISN'T THIS UNFAIR!!?
DRIVE OUT THE CENTAURS !!
THAT'S RIGHT !!
LET'S FOLLOW THE MAGICIAN!!
THEY ARE A SAVAGE TRIBE THAT COMMITS THE GRAVE TABOO OF EATING MEAT! CAN YOU BE SURE THAT ONE DAY THEY WILL NOT USE THEIR FANGS AGAINST LORD SOLOMON? NO YOU CAN'T! THEY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED!!
DRIVE OUT THE "BERSERKERS" !!
IT SEEMS THAT AT LEAST THEY WILL GET PROPERTIES AND A REWARD FOR LEADING THE REVOLT.
SOME OF THE MAGICIANS ARE INSTIGATING THE SENTIMENTS OF ANTAGONISM AMONG THEM.


I WILL ALSO CONFISCATE THE "DIVINE STAVES" FROM THE "BERSERKERS" AND THE "CENTAURS".
I SENTENCE THAT ALL THE MAGICIANS IN THE ZOHAL CONTINENT, SHAMAL DISTRICT, SECOND "ISOLATION BARRIER" EXCEPT FOR THE DISTRICT CHIEFS, BE EXPELLED.


WE DID THIS FOR YOU... LORD SOLO-MON ...!!
E-EX-PELLED ...? WHAT DID WE DO WRONG?
SILENCE.
W-WHAT!? THAT'S TYRAN-NY!!
!?
TO USE THE OTHER SPECIES TO INCREASE YOUR OWN PERSONAL FORTUNE IS THE SAME THING THAT THE ORTHO-DOX DOES.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?
EVERY-ONE!!
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW, LORD SOLOMON?
INCRE-ASE ONE'S PERSONAL FORTUNE BY USING THE OTHER SPE-CIES...?


WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO?
?
THE SON OF ELDER DAVID, THE ROOT OF EVIL IN THE ORTHODOX ...
LISTEN TO ME! THE ONE HERE, LORD SOLOMON, NO...
AND CREATED THE ABOMINABLE "GUNUD" AND THE MIND BREAKING MAGIC...
THE ONE WHO MADE THE OTHER SPECIES SUFFER SO MUCH...
IS NONE OTHER THAN THIS PERSON!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
!!?


HE HAS RELEASED YOU FROM THE PRISON HE CREATED HIMSELF IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF YOU AND THE OTHER SPECIES... AND AFTER 300 YEARS OF DECEPTION, HE NOW WANTS TO BECOME THE SOLE RULER OF THIS WORLD...
GHI
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.....
HE COULD BE SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD. YOU COULD HAVE BEEN LIED TO BY THE LEADERS AS WELL, RIGHT?
CAN YOU PROVE THAT?
SOLOMON IS ONLY 22 YEARS OLD!!
THAT'S A LIE !!!
BUT LOOK, THE OTHER SPECIES ARE...
BULL-SHIT.
LIKE, NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE THAT, ARU.


FINE. I WILL TELL THEM THE TRUTH.
WE TRIED TO HIDE EVERYTHING BECAUSE IT COULD BE USED IN TREACHERIES LIKE THIS, AND YET...
EVEN SO!!!
TO BE HONEST, LATELY HE HAS BEEN ARROGANTLY MAKING SPECIES THAT DID NOT AGREE WITH HIS IDEAS SUBMIT WITH THE OVERWHELMING POWER OF HIS MAGIC!!
CAN YOU BE SURE THAT HIS SON WILL NOT FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS!?
THE ONE WHO DEVISED THE "TOWERS" AND THE MIND BREAKING MAGIC WAS ELDER DAVID!!!
HE WILL BECOME AN ARROGANT AND DESPOTIC RULER JUST LIKE HIS FATHER.
.....
!
I WILL TELL YOU THIS.


!!
WHAT A COWARD... HE IS SAYING THINGS THAT SOLOMON HAS THE MOST DIFFICULTY TO NEGATE WITH HIS OWN WORDS ...!!
IS IT REALLY RIGHT TO SET THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCH A DESPOTIC RULER IN THE FUTURE!!?
ANSWER ME, OTHER SPECIES!!!
WHAT THE HELL... THEY WERE ALL SAVED BY SOLOMON, AND YET...
WHY WON'T THEY SAY ANYTHING? IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN HELP HIM ...?
!?


TAKE HIS HEAD.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING, SHEBA!?
!?
SHEBA ...?
.....
!
THE RE-STRICTION BARRIER IS...


YOU DON'T TRUST IN HIM, RIGHT? IN THAT CASE, KILL HIM.
WHAT'S WRONG?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE A WEAK HEART!!!
YOU CAN'T TRUST THE KINDNESS OF SOMEONE STRONGER THAN YOU
DIDN'T HE SAY THAT WE SHOULD LIVE AS EQUALS?
HAS SOLOMON EVER BEHAVED LIKE A CRUEL KING?
.....
WHAT THE HELL HAVE ALL OF YOU BEEN THINKING?
DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THAT WAY OF LIVING FOREVER?
WHAT DID YOU SAY !!?


YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF THOSE STRONGER THAN YOU...
BUT YOU ALSO WANT TO BE SAVED BY A STRONGER PERSON...
BECAUSE OF FEAR, YOU ATTACK SOME-ONE STRONGER THAN YOU...
THE WORLD WOULD BE FULL OF ENEMIES!!!
IF ANYONE WOULD SEARCH FOR SOMEONE WEAKER THAN HE IS, AND THEN KILL THEM,
!!


.....
YOU ARE AFRAID THAT, SOONER OR LATER YOUR DEAR FAMILIES WOULD BE ATTACKED.
AND THE BERSERKERS ARE AFRAID OF THE CENTAURS' INTELLIGENCE...
THE CENTAURS ARE AFRAID OF THE BERSERKERS STRENGTH ...
I CAN RELATE.
I'M SURE THAT YOU WILL REALIZE THAT WE NOT THAT DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER!
AND LOOK AROUND YOU.
BUT TRY TO BRING OUT YOUR COURAGE
EVERYONE WANTS TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR LOVED ONES WITHOUT CONFLICT...
BECAUSE I KNOW THAT...
THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE IN HIM.
I'M NOT SCARED OF THE BIGGER AND STRONGER OTHER SPECIES ANYMORE.


I BELIEVE THAT SOLOMON'S STRENGTH WILL TURN THIS WORLD INTO...
A BRIGHT PLACE.
IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO FORGOT ABOUT WHAT THIS PERSON HAS DONE AND IS STILL SUSPICIOUS OF HIM.
STAND IN FRONT OF ME!!!
SHEBA ...


SOLOMON, I'M SURE THAT YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT!
AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT, I WILL ALWAYS SAY THAT YOU WILL BE AL-RIGHT.
I WILL PROTECT YOU!


I SEE.
SHEBA, FROM NOW ON...
I WON'T BE LOOK-ING DOWN ON YOU.


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225TH NIGHT: THE FUTURE

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THREE MONTHS HAVE PASSED ...
SOLOMON AND SHEBA ARE GETTING ALONG WELL!
I'M FINE. EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE MY YOUTH, I STILL HAVE MY MAGIC RESEARCH.
THERE SHOULD BE A WOMAN THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU IN THIS WORLD, YOU KNOW
IMPOSSIBLE, SUCH A NERDY WOMAN DOESN'T EXIST.
EH ...?
UGO, YOU HAVE REACHED A GOOD AGE TOO. YOU SHOULD FIND A GOOD WOMAN FOR YOURSELF, AS WELL.
THIS IS BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS.
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT SHEBA COULD SETTLE SOLOMON DOWN LIKE THAT...
ANYWAY, ISN'T IT NICE THAT THEY ARE GETTING ALONG?
AFTER ALL ...



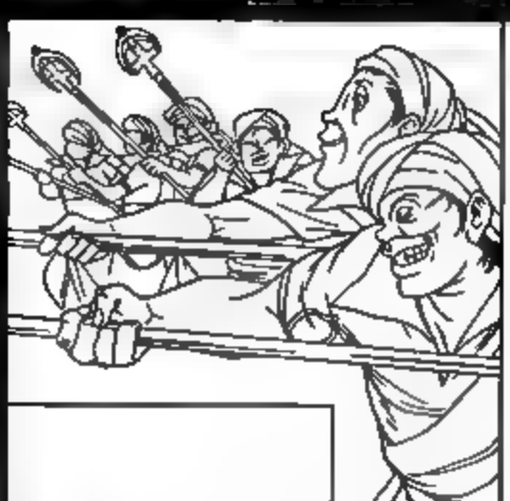




THE CONFLICT AMONG THE OTHER SPECIES HASN'T STOPPED AFTER THAT INCIDENT.



IN SOME CASES, THE OTHER SPECIES FOUGHT INSIDE OF THE SHARED "ISOLATION BARRIER". IN OTHER CASES, THE "ISOLATION BARRIER" SERVED AS NATIONAL BORDER WHERE BOTH SIDES GLARED AT EACH OTHER.



THE OTHER SPECIES HAVE TAKEN OPPOSING SIDES AFTER BEING PROVOKED BY DIFFERENT MAGICIANS.

EVEN PEOPLE WHO DECLARED THE INDEPENDENCE OF AUTONOMOUS REGIONS APPEARED INSIDE OF THE BARRIERS! THOSE EPISODES CONTINUED, AND BOTH THE OTHER SPECIES AND THE MAGES WERE BECOMING EXHAUSTED...



THE "RESISTANCE" CONTINUED TO FREE THE OTHER SPECIES, BUT IRONICALLY .. THE MORE THEY LIBERATED THE SPECIES, THE DEEPER THE INTERNAL FRACTURES BECAME.




TO THINK THAT WE WERE COM-RADES ..!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS!?
DRIVE OUT THE ●●● TRIBE!
DRIVE OUT THE ●●● TRIBE!
HOW MANY TIMES HAS TH S HAPPENED IN THE PAST YEAR AL-READY...?
NOT AGAIN ...
DRIVE OUT THE ○○○ TRIBE!
DRIVE OUT THE ○○○ TRIBE!
DRIVE OUT THE ××× TRIBE!
DRIVE OUT THE ▶▶▶ TRIBE!


LORD SOLO-MON!
LORD SOLO-MON!
LORD SOLOMON! SENTENCE THESE TO DEATH, WE BEG YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT, GIVE THEM A MORE FIERCE PUN-ISHMENT, PLEASE!
WE NEED A STRONG LEADER FOR SUCH A GREAT AS-SEMBLY OF PEOPLE!
YES, JUST LIKE ELDER DAVID WAS IN THE PAST...
EEE EK!
I-I AM SORRY! BUT IN JUST 13 YEARS... WE HAVE FREED ALMOST ALL THE SPECIES FROM THE CONTROL OF THE TOWERS.
AND NOW, WE ARE FREE ...FOR THAT VERY REASON, WE NEED AN ABSOLUTE KING. KING SOLOMON, PLEASE...
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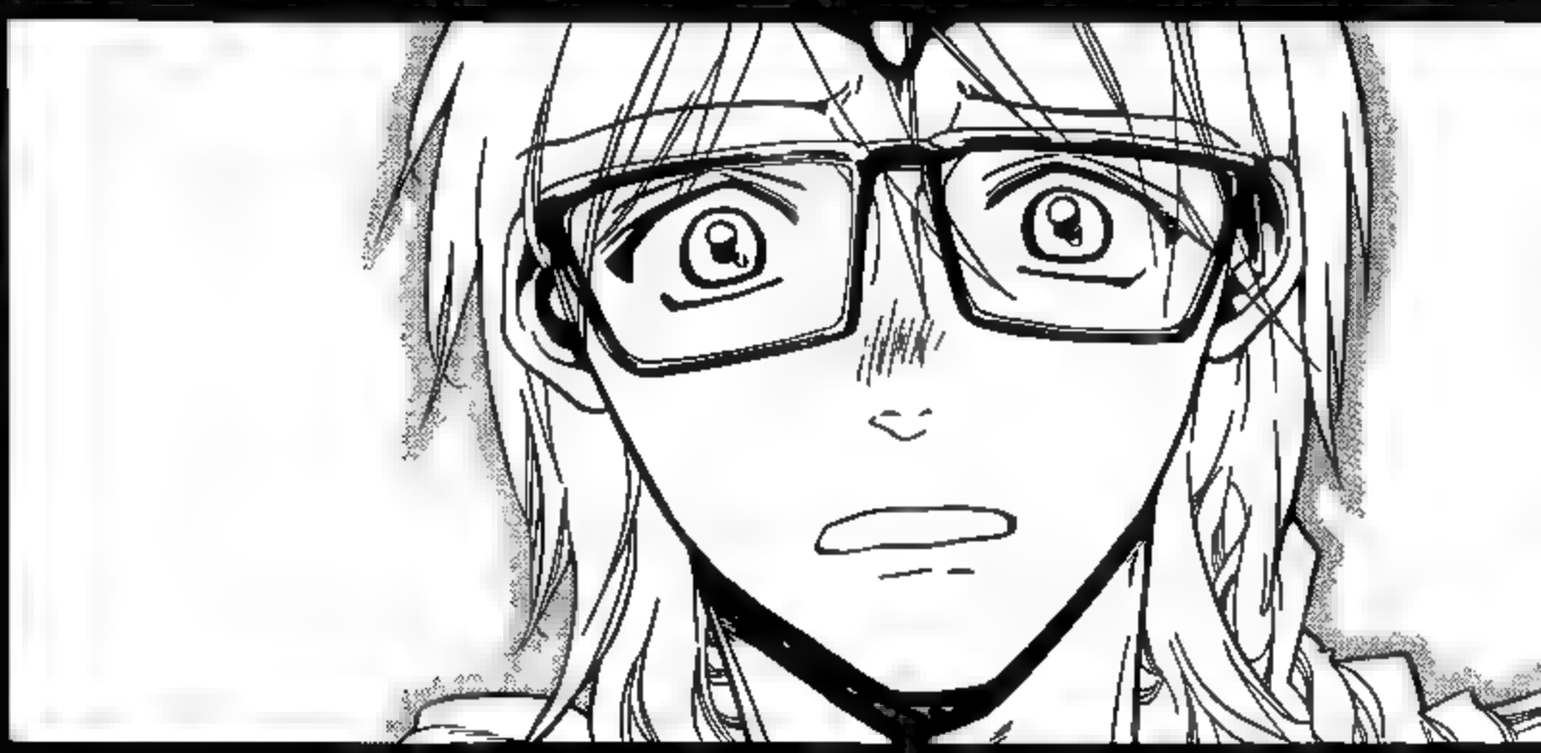

IN THE SAME WAY, I DO NOT DESIRE THAT YOU PROSTRATE YOURSELVES WITH YOUR FOREHEADS TOUCHING THE EARTH IN FRONT OF ME.
WE ASPIRE TO BE AN EQUAL COMMUNITY THAT DOES NOT ACCEPT KINGS. DID YOU FORGET THAT?
DON'T CALL ME KING.
HEY, STOP BEING RECKLESS WITH WORDS ...
ARE YOU SURE THAT AN EQUAL WORLD CAN TRULY BE ACHIEVED?
HOWEVER, THAT PERSON MAY NOT INTEND FOR THAT... YOU COULD SAY IT WOULD BE SELFLESS OF THEM, BUT...
LORD SOLOMON... THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO STOP THESE CONFLICTS THAN PUTTING SOMEONE ON THE TOP OF THE RULING SYSTEM THAT THE OTHER SPECIES WOULD WORSHIP AS A GOD!
SOLOMON...


I KNOW.
YOU ARE NOT MIS-TAKEN, YOU KNOW?
SHEBA, SOLOMON ...
IS ACTING NORMAL, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT HE IS UNHAPPY INSIDE.
SOLO-MON...


.....
RECENTLY, THE INSTANCES WHERE WE FIGHT AGAINST THE ORTHODOX HAVE BECOME RARE, BUT WE STILL SORTIE OUT IN ORDER TO STOP THE INTERNAL BATTLES..
IT'S NORMAL AFTER ALL...
EVEN IF THEY WERE ALL SPECIES THAT HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF PRIDE... IT'S HARSH TO SEE THEM BOW THEIR HEADS TO THE GROUND IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR FACTIONS.
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL. THIS IS REALLY SAD. ...AND ABOVE ALL ELSE, THE OTHER SPECIES ARE LICKING THE MAGICIANS' SPITTLE.
SOLOMON...
SO WHY ARE THEY GIVING UP THOSE RIGHTS ON THEIR OWN VOLITION...?
THEY SHOULD HAVE ALL GAINED THE RIGHTS TO LIVE ON EQUAL GROUNDS...
THEY WERE CONTROLLED BY THE "TOWERS" ...
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM WHEN...


WHEN I WAS ALONE AND MOPING AROUND LIKE
BECOME HIS STRENGTH IN THIS SITUATION, LIKE HE WAS FOR ME BACK THEN.
THIS ISN'T GOOD... WHY AM I ONLY SAYING THE DEPRESSING THINGS...?
!!
EVEN THE INTERMEDIARY MAGICIANS TRY TO GAUGE MY FEELINGS AND FLATTER ME.





I WOULD BE INCREDIBLY HAPPY IF I HAD NEVER BROKEN THAT PROMISE...




I UNDERSTAND.
THE OTHER SPECIES FEEL INSECURE. THE PEACEFUL WAY OF LIFE THEY OBTAINED IS BEING BROKEN BECAUSE ...
THOSE CLOSE TO THEM ARE BECOMING THEIR ENEMIES, AFTER THE THREAT OF THE COMMON ENEMY KNOWN AS THE ORTHODOX BECAME WEAKER.
IT IS NOT LIKE THEY HAVE ANY ILL WILL.
BUT THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO ILL WILL...
MAKES THINGS WORSE.
IF WE CAN DEFEAT THE ORTHODOX AND DAVID, WILL WE REALLY BE ABLE TO CREATE A WORLD BETTER THAN THIS?
SHOULDN'T WE CHANGE... SOMETHING MORE FUNDAMENTAL IN THIS WORLD?
SOMETHING MORE ...
FUNDAMENTAL ...?
I STILL DON'T KNOW ...
WHAT IT IS WE SHOULD CHANGE, BUT...


I THINK THAT MY RESEARCH WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP, SOMEHOW!
YEAH, LISTEN TO THIS! SOLOMON, I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ULTIMATE POWER MAGIC, RIGHT?
YES.
IT'S ABOUT THE LEY LINES THAT STRETCH AROUND THIS WORLD. I CAN SEE THEM.
IS YOUR RESEARCH GOING WELL?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.


FOR EXAMPLE, THE "FATE" OF A HUMAN... A PATH OF "HISTORY" THAT CONTROLS IF SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN OR NOT IN OUR WORLD...
EXACTLY. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS SOMETHING NEW I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT. WHAT IF THERE EXISTS SOME **REGULARITIES AND PATHS THAT NOT** ONLY RULE THE PHYSICAL LAWS... BUT ALSO THE OTHER PHENOMENA IN OUR WORLD...?


YES. AND ONCE WE HAVE DISCOVERED IT, WE CAN PROVE THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN CYCLE THAT OUR SPIRITS TAKE.
A PATH OF HISTORY ...?
THAT'S IT.
THAT OUR SPIRITS DON'T RETURN TO NOTHINGNESS ONCE WE DIE...


THERE SHOULD BE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT "POWER" THAT WE ARE STILL NOT AWARE OF...
RIGHT! THE "ORIGIN DRAGON" TOLD US ABOUT THE INTENSE CONSUMPTION THAT IS AFFECTING ILL ILAH... ... IF ITS POWER IS NOT CONSUMED BY NATURAL PHENOMENON, THEN...
THE CONSCIOUSNESS THAT DWELLS IN LIFE IS NOT SIMPLY THE RESULT OF THE SIGNALS CREATED BY THE BRAIN. IF "SOULS" REALLY EXIST, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW THEIR TRAJECTORIES AND CREATE THEIR PATHS AS WELL...
AND THAT-POWER WOULD BE THE "SOUL"!
BUT IF WE GIVE SHAPE TO ITS MOST BASIC ELEMENT BY USING MY THEORY...
REVEALING THE SOUL IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.
AND THAT'S WHERE ILL ILAH'S POWER IS BEING SENT TO, RIGHT?
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE SHOULD EXIST A "SPIRIT WORLD" AROUND US, OTHER THAN THE "PHYSICAL WORLD",
THAT'S EXACTLY IT!
YOU'RE BRILLIANT, SOLOMON.


STRANGELY ENOUGH, IT TAKES THE SHAPE OF A BLACK BIRD.
FOR MY OWN CONVENIENCE, I GAVE IT A NAME. 800 YEARS AGO, WHEN GOD CAME FROM THE HEAVENS, THERE WERE SOME SPECIES THAT CONSIDERED IT TO BE A KIND OF BIRD, AND I HAVE BORROWED THEIR WORDS.
THE BIRD OF LIFE... THE "RUKH".
SO THE MOST BASIC ELEMENT OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE "RUKH", HUH...
After another 3 months
EVERYONE, I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE...


AHAHAH, THE TWO OF YOU ARE SO YOUNG.
ISN'T IT INCREDIBLE? IT'S A NATURAL CONCEPTION WITHOUT THE HELP OF MAGIC.
YOU'RE PREGNANT !!??
IN THAT CASE SHEBA, I WILL HAVE TO REMOVE YOU FROM OUR BATTLE PLANS.
NO WAY! WE'RE STARTING THE FINAL BATTLE AGAINST ELDER DAVID SOON, RIGHT?
BUT WOULDN'T IT BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO MOVE IN YOUR PREGNANCY?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT YOU CAN WIN WITHOUT ME?
I'M JUST SAYING THAT I'M WORRIED, TRY TO UNDERSTAND.
BUT SHEBA IS THE THIRD STRONGEST MEMBER OF THE "RESISTANCE". WE WOULD SUFFER IF SHE WERE NOT AMONG OUR NUMBERS BEFORE THE FINAL BATTLE ...
RIGHT? THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT OF A GOOD SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.
A SOLUTION?


I WANT THIS BABY TO BE BORN IN THE HAPPY WORLD AFTER THIS WAR IS FINISHED...
I WILL SLOW DOWN THE GROWTH OF THE BABY IN MY BELLY BY USING MAGIC.
EH? I'M GONNA BE A BIG BRO!?
OUR LITTLE TES IS LIKE 4 YEARS OLD NOW, SO HE CAN BE YOUR CHILD'S BIG BROTHER, ARU.
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
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I WOULD PREFER A SISTER! BUT WHEN I GROW UP, I WILL MARRY MOMMY!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?


GOD, PLEASE GUIDE US.
SO THAT OUR CHILDREN, AND THIS WORLD...
WILL OVERFLOW WITH LIGHT ...


BY THE WAY, WHAT WILL YOU CALL THIS BABY?
I HAVE ALREADY DECIDED.
HEH~, TELL US!
NOT YET~
■ THAT CHILD'S NAME IS OBVIOUSLY . . . !!


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LORD SOLO-MON!
PLEASE, LORD SO-LOMON, YOU HAVE TO STAND AT THE TOP OF OUR GOV-ERNMENT!
LORD SOLO-MON!
THEREFORE, AREN'T YOU BORN TO BECOME KING IN THE FIRST PLACE!!?
LORD SOLOMON! YOU ARE THE SON OF THE SO-CALLED KING OF MAGICIANS, ELDER DAVID...
THERE IS NO OTHER SOLUTION THAN TO MAKE YOU, LORD SOLOMON, SOMEONE WHO IS WORSHIPED BY THE OTHER SPECIES AS ILAH'S PROXY, THE RULER!!
WE ARE AT OUR LIMIT! THE CONFLICTS AMONG THE SPECIES DUE TO THEIR DIFFERENCES ARE NOT STOPPING... IN ORDER TO CONTROL THIS SITUA-TION...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.


WE ARE THE ONES WHO SHOULD SERVE ILAH'S PROXY, LORD SOLOMON!
IL ILAH IS THE GOD OF THE HEAVENS! THEREFORE WE, THE WINGED SPECIES THAT LIVE IN THE SKY, ARE MORE SUITABLE TO BE HIS DISCIPLES!
WRONG !!
800 YEARS AGO ILAH CHOSE THE HUMANS! WE'RE MORE SUITABLE BECAUSE WE ARE CLOSER TO THE SHAPE OF LORD SOLOMON, ILAH'S INCARNATION! SPECIES THAT DON'T EVEN HAVE TWO ARMS AND TWO LEGS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN BEASTS! WE WILL FEAST ON YOU!
WHAT !!?
LORD SOLOMON! YOU SHOULDN'T ASSUME THAT EVERYONE CAN LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE LIKE YOU!
DON'T SAY SUCH A THING ...


WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO LIVE AN EQUAL LIFE BESIDE ONE ANOTHER!
IF WE'RE ALL UNDER YOUR RULE,
I KNOW HOW MUCH THAT MAN YEARNED FOR AND DREAMED OF...
THAT WORLD OF EQUALITY.
WHY DID I RUN AWAY FROM HOME EVEN IF I HAD SUCH INCREDIBLE SOCIAL STANDING, YOU ASK? I DON'T PARTICULARLY WANT TO BECOME SOME MISTER GRANDIOSE. THAT'S WHY.
REALLY?
YEAH, I'M SURE.
IF I HAVE TO NAME THE FIRST AND FOREMOST REASON THAT I RAN AWAY ...
YOU COULD ALSO SAY THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF LOVE, LIKE I SAY IN FRONT OF EVERYONE ELSE, AND OBVIOUSLY THAT WAS PART OF MY REASONING, BUT
WELL, I WOULD SAY IT WAS BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE FRIENDS.


BEFORE I REACHED THE AGE OF DISCRETION—ACTUALLY, THAT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO—I WAS AN IDIOT WHO THOUGHT THAT I WAS THE STRONGEST AND THAT I WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND ME, BUT...
DON'T BELITTLE "FRIENDS".
FRIENDS ??
I GRADUALLY CHANGED.
I MET ARBA AND UGO, AND WHILE WE HUNG OUT TOGETHER ...
MAKING FRIENDS BECAME A HABIT.
AND BY THE TIME I BEGAN TO INTERACT WITH OTHER SPECIES ...
THEN I VENTURED INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD... I MET A WHITE DRAGON WHO CALLED ME "LITTLE PERSON" ...
YOU TOO. STOP BOWING TO ME LIKE THAT.


KING SOLOMON ...
THEN WE WILL MIND OUR PLACE.
I THINK THAT A COMPLETELY EQUAL WORLD WITHOUT A KING IS IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU KNOW, SOLOMON ...
IF BEING OVERLY FAMILIAR WITH YOU AND BEHAVING AS IF WE ARE YOUR EQUALS WILL BECOME AN OBSTACLE AND MAKE YOU UNABLE TO SIT AT THE PINNACLE OF OUR GOVERNMENT...

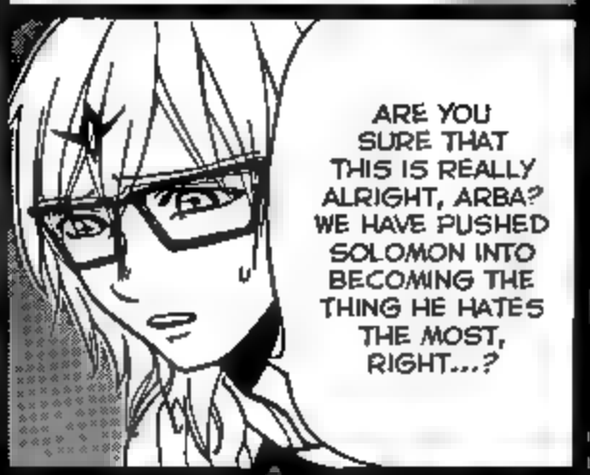

... I UNDER-STAND.
WHAT YOU'VE SAID IS QUITE PLAUSI-BLE.
UNTIL NOW I HAVE ONLY CREATED TROU-BLE FOR ALL OF YOU. I ALSO FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLOOD THAT WAS SHED WHILE I WAS YEARNING AFTER A SUBLIME, YET FAR AWAY REALITY.
SOLOMON ...
IF YOU SAY THAT A KING IS NECES-SARY ...
IN THE KIND OF WORLD WE ARE AIMING FOR, THEN...


I WILL BECOME KING!
THEREFORE, EVERYONE HERE MUST DEVOTE THEIR STRENGTH TO ME BECAUSE THIS IS THE PATH YOU HAVE CHOSEN.
OK!?
YES !!!


.....


DOES ANYONE THINK THAT SOLOMON WILL BECOME SOMEONE LIKE THAT?
NO.
NO, THE THING THAT SOLOMON HATES THE MOST IS THE IDEA OF BECOMING AN ARROGANT DESPOT WHO OPPRESSES THE OTHER SPECIES JUST LIKE HIS FATHER, ELDER DAVID!


YEAH ...
SOLOMON IS REALLY PUSHING HIMSELF LATELY.


ARE YOU SURE THAT THIS IS REALLY ALRIGHT, ARBA? WE HAVE PUSHED SOLOMON INTO BECOMING THE THING HE HATES THE MOST, RIGHT...?


AND IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF SOLOMON STRAYS FROM HIS PATH... WE WILL STOP HIM BY PUTTING OUR LIVES ON THE LINE, RIGHT?


IF YOU KEEP EATING LIKE THAT, YOU'LL EVEN MAKE THE BABY TOO FAT TO COME OUT.
IT'S ALRIGHT. I HAVE TO EAT FOR THE BABY IN MY BELLY AS WELL-
HEY SHEBA, YOU WILL GET FAT IF YOU EAT THAT MUCH.
pillow
pillow


AND I WAS A TWELVE-YEAR OLD CHILD, STILL ADDRESSING YOU AS LORD SOLOMON JEHOAHAZ ABRAHAM.
WHEN YOU WERE SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND FULL OF DREAMS,
EH?
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HEY SOLOMON, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT BACK THEN?

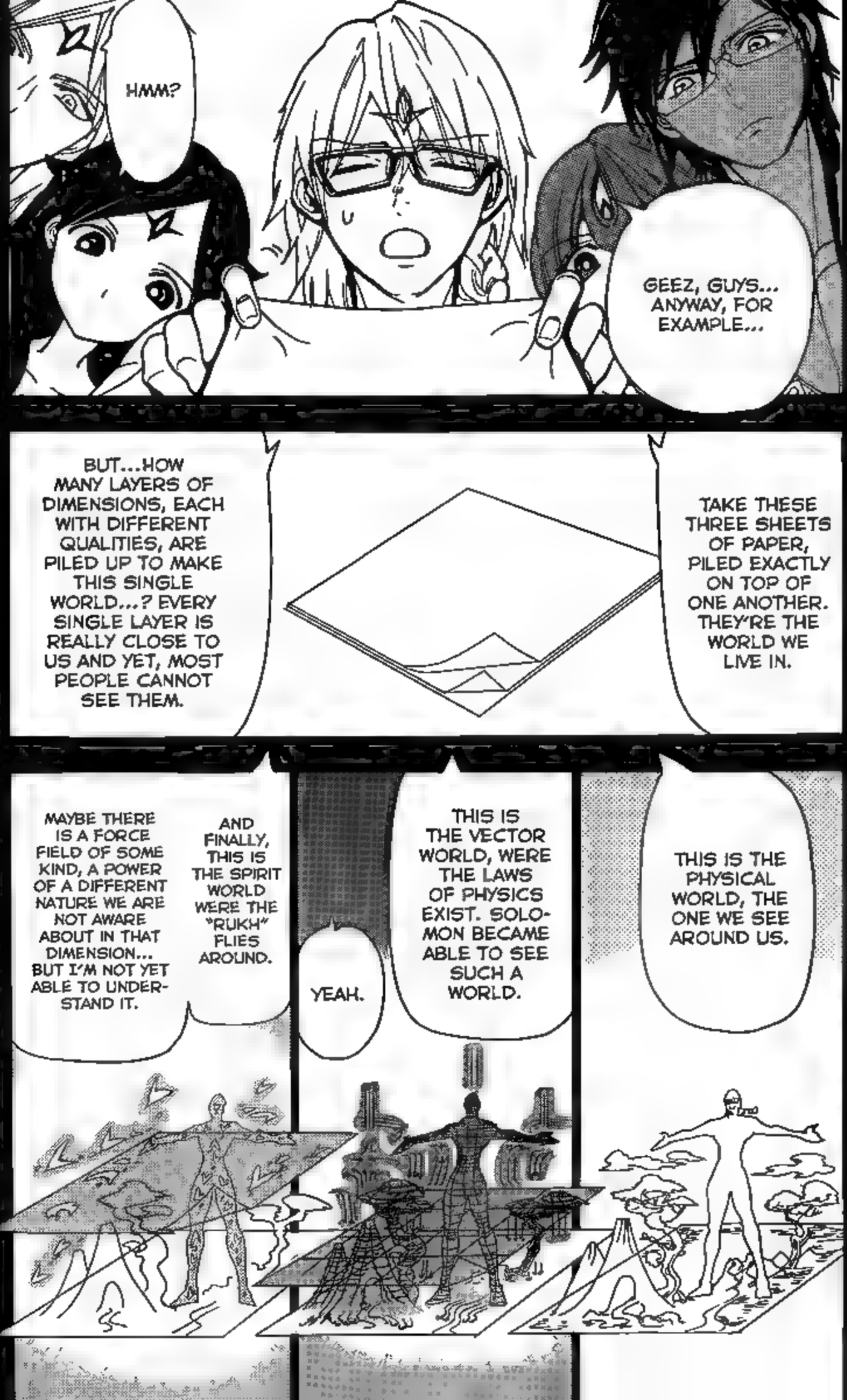

MAYBE I UNDER-STAND A LITTLE.
JUST NOW, YOU HAD TO ABANDON YOUR BELIEFS AND BECOME BUR-DENED WITH AN INCREDIBLE REGRET...
HOWEVER, IF SOMEONE HAS THE DESTINY TO BECOME A KING,
I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU BEHIND IN A LONELY PLACE, UP HIGH.
I WIL ACCEPT THAT DESTINY TOGETHER WITH HIM.
THAT'S WHAT I CAN PROMISE YOU!
SO, CHEER UP!
EVERYONE UNDER-STANDS.
THEY ARE ALL WORRIED FOR YOU IN SECRET. THEY ALL SAID THAT THEY WOULD PUT THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE IF YOU BECAME TOO RECKLESS ...!


THEY DID ...




OH SOLOMON! AH, SORRY... PARDON ME, YOUR MAJESTY, FOR CALLING YOU HERE...
YEAH I KNOW, STOP THAT.
YOU CALLED EVERYONE HERE, TO YOUR SMELLY RESEARCH ROOM, BECAUSE YOU HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT. SO WHAT IS IT, UGO?
HE IS RIGHT, ARU! HURRY UP AND SPEAK!


MY RESEARCH ON THE "RUKH" HAS ADVANCED, SO I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS THE TIME TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS TO YOU, THE LEADERS OF OUR GROUP!
"RUKH"? WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
HEY UGO, WHAT IS THIS "RUKH"?
WELL, YOU CAN SAY THAT THE RUKH IS THE SPIRIT THAT DWELLS IN THE DIFFERENT LIVING THINGS THAT INHABIT THIS WORLD.
WHERE IS THIS RUKH-THING THEN?
YOU CANNOT SEE IT. IT EXISTS IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT DIMENSION.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU MAGIC OTAKU! SIMPLIFY!
LISTEN ALL THE WAY TO THE END, ITHNAN! THERE! BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR ELBOWS! AND YOU, WAHID! DON'T BRING FOOD INTO MY LABORATORY!


HMM?
GEEZ, GUYS... ANYWAY, FOR EXAMPLE...
TAKE THESE THREE SHEETS OF PAPER, PILED EXACTLY ON TOP OF ONE ANOTHER. THEY'RE THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.
BUT...HOW MANY LAYERS OF DIMENSIONS, EACH WITH DIFFERENT QUALITIES, ARE PILED UP TO MAKE THIS SINGLE WORLD...? EVERY SINGLE LAYER IS REALLY CLOSE TO US AND YET, MOST PEOPLE CANNOT SEE THEM.
THIS IS THE PHYSICAL WORLD, THE ONE WE SEE AROUND US.
THIS IS THE VECTOR WORLD, WERE THE LAWS OF PHYSICS EXIST. SOLOMON BECAME ABLE TO SEE SUCH A WORLD.
YEAH.
AND FINALLY, THIS IS THE SPIRIT WORLD WERE THE "RUKH" FLIES AROUND.
MAYBE THERE IS A FORCE FIELD OF SOME KIND, A POWER OF A DIFFERENT NATURE WE ARE NOT AWARE ABOUT IN THAT DIMENSION... BUT I'M NOT YET ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT.


I'M SURE IT WILL BE USEFUL! THIS IS AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF ENERGY THAT, IN THE COURSE OF HISTORY, NO-ONE ELSE HAS EVER DISCOVERED, YOU KNOW!? THIS IS A GOLDMINE! PROBABLY!
SO? IN WHAT WAY WILL THIS "RUKH"-THING YOU ARE DELUDING YOURSELF ABOUT AND NO-ONE CAN SEE, WILL ACTUALLY BECOME USEFUL?
I hate you Ithnan
Eh?
YOU ALL SEEM INCREDIBLY UNINTERESTED.
WOW.
WE WOULD NEED AN ENORMOUS QUANTITY OF ENERGY, ON PAR WITH ALL OF "ILAH'S" POWER.
BUT ONE PROBLEM IS THAT... IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO USE THE ENERGY FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION. YOU'D NEED A GREAT QUANTITY OF MAGICAL POWER AND SKILL TO BRING FORTH SOMETHING FROM A DIMENSION THAT'S OUT OF ALIGNMENT WITH YOUR OWN. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ORDER TO USE THE RUKH AROUND THIS WORLD...
AN INTERESTING SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC?
ANOTHER THING, IF I MIGHT DIGRESS... THE "RUKH" HAS AN INCREDIBLY INTERESTING SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC.
DAMMIT.
IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOLOMON OR ELDER DAVID, THEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY MAGICIAN IN THIS WORLD!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, EVEN FOR ME OR MY FATHER.
THE RUKH ...
YEAH.


RUKH, BEING THE RECORDING MEDIA OF SOULS, IS THE SAME FOR ALL SOULS IT DWELLS IN, REGARDLESS OF HOW DIFFERENT THEY ARE.
IS ALL EQUAL!
IN THE DOGS OR THE PIGS
AND OF COURSE THE MAGICIANS!
EVEN IN THE MANTICORES
IN THE BERSERK
IN THE CENTAURS ...
IT'S...
THE THING THAT ALL THE SPECIES EQUALLY SHARE BY NATURE...
THE "RUKH" ITSELF!



ROGER!

AH, NOTHING. UGO, CONTINUE WITH THIS RESEARCH ABOUT THE "RUKH"!

WHAT'S WRONG, SOLOMON?





AND AFTER THAT, WE WERE ALL HEADING TOWARD OUR FINAL BATTLE AGAINST ELDER DAVID.

AT THAT TIME, NO ONE YET KNEW WHAT THE RUKH WAS,

■ ***NEXT ISSUE, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE FINAL BATTLE...***

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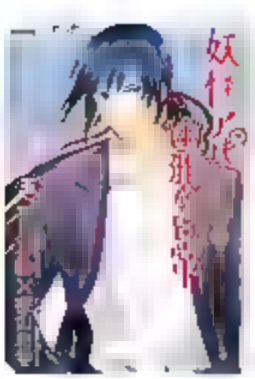
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FINALLY THE DECISIVE BATTLE AGAINST ELDER DAVID
MAGI
THANKS TO SOLOMON TAKING THE LEAD, THE MORALE OF THE OTHER SPECIES IS QUITE HIGH NOW.
ALL THE "TOWERS" HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED. ONLY 50,000 MAGICIANS REMAIN IN THE ORTHODOX'S "CATHEDRAL DISTRICT".
AND THE PLAN OF THE "RESISTANCE" FOR THE LAST BATTLE CONSISTS OF...
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WITH AN "ISOLATION BARRIER".
SURROUNDING THE ENTIRE ENEMY'S HEADQUARTERS...
DO YOU WANT TO TURN THE ENTIRE "CATHEDRAL DISTRICT" INTO A NO POWER ZONE WHERE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO USE MAGIC!!?
!?
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!!
IN AN ALL-OUT MAGIC WAR, THERE COULD BE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN THE "CATHEDRAL DISTRICT". BUT IF WE SEAL THEIR MAGIC, ANY MAGICIAN IN THE ORTHODOX WILL JUST BECOME A NORMAL HUMAN, NO MATTER HOW STRONG HE IS.
YES. IT USED TO BE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOW THAT WE HAVE 60 "DIVINE STAVES," WE CAN DO IT.


IF THAT'S THE CASE, SHOULDN'T WE EXPECT THE MOBILIZATION OF ALL THE MOST POWERFUL MAGICIANS IN THE "ELDER COUNCIL" THAT STILL HOLD THE REMAINING "DIVINE STAVES"?
IT'S TRUE THAT WITH THIS PLAN THE ENEMY WILL BE POWERLESS, BUT... FOR THAT VERY REASON THEY WON'T LET US CREATE THE BARRIER THAT EASILY.
AFTER THAT, THE RESISTANCE WILL PREVAIL WITH OUR OVERWHELMING NUMBERS, AND OCCUPY THE CAPITAL CITY QUICKLY.
EVEN ELDER DAVID.
OUR "DIVINE STAVES".
YES. AND IN THAT MOMENT, WE WILL ALSO FIGHT WITH...
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!
IF HE WILL HIDE HIMSELF IN THE CATHEDRAL, I JUST WILL GO IN THERE AND KILL HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS.
I WILL FIGHT HIM.
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF... ELDER DAVID SHOWS UP?


BRO-
THER!
LEAVE THE TRANS-PORTATION TO OUR SUBORDI-NATES!
YOU HAVE TO SAVE YOUR POWER!
THIS MUCH IS FINE FOR ME. YOU TEND TO WORRY TOO MUCH.
BUT YOU SHOULD AL-READY KNOW THAT NOT USING THE POWER OF THE "DIVINE STAFF" UNTIL THE RIGHT MOMENT IS THE BEST THING TO DO!
I GUESS. TO BE HONEST I THINK THAT WE RELY TOO MUCH ON THE "DIVINE STAVES". MAYBE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE LONGER THAN THE OTHER MAGICIANS.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT, YOU SHOULD LIVE A LONG LIFE, BROTHER.
THE "DIVINE STAFF" USERS SHOULD RETIRE WHEN THIS FIGHT ENDS.
WHAT? STOP SAYING STUPID THINGS. I'M STILL NOT THAT OLD!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.


AT THAT TIME, THE ONE WHO OVERTHREW [illegible] TO DIE IN THERE, WAS NOT SOLO-
[illegible]
SETTA
DO YOU REMEMBER? [illegible] TURN TO DIE IN THE "TOWER'S" ROOM WITH THE "DIVINE STAFF",
THERE WAS AN IDIOT WHO TOOK HALF OF THE TOLL THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN ON MY LIFE. AND THAT IDIOT WAS YOU, BROTHER.
I WILL GO IN THAT ROOM WITH YOU! SETTA, HIDE BEHIND MY BACK.
WELL, AS LONG AS MY LIFE LASTS, AT LEAST.
I AM THE STRONGER ONE BETWEEN US! IF WE HAVE THE MISSION TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE, I WANT THE PEOPLE DEAR TO ME TO LIVE IN THAT WORLD AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.


THIS TIME, IT IS MY TURN TO TAKE THAT ROLE.
WHY ARE YOU SO CLINGY TODAY OF ALL DAYS!? YOU BRAT!!
LET US GO, TESS. PAPA AND MAMA HAVE TO LIKE, GO TO WORK, ARU.
NO OO OO !!!
EVERYONE IS MAKING SCARIER FACES THAN THEY USUALLY DO WHEN THEY GO INTO BATTLE!! I'M SCARED!!


WHY DOES MAMA AND PAPA ALWAYS HAVE TO FIGHT ON THE FRONT LINES!?
NO!! I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU!
TESS ...
Battlefield
IT'S ALRIGHT, ARU. IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS, I'M SURE THAT THEY HAVE LIKE AT LEAST ONE MAGICIAN WITH A "DIVINE STAFF" TO COME HERE AND PROTECT THE HEADQUARTERS, ARU. THEY WILL PROTECT YOU TESS, DON'T WORRY, ARU.
THAT WAY, WE WON'T GET HURT... RIGHT? LET'S DO IT!!
I HAVE AN IDEA! LET'S SECRETLY HIDE IN A SAFE PLACE, JUST FOR TODAY!
YOU DIOT !!!
GYAH !!!
I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING RAISED SUCH A COWARD, YOU GOOD FOR NOTHING BRAT!!!
YOU used the Borg, it shouldn't hurt
WAAH WAAH ..!!
TESS, LISTEN WELL NOW, ARU.
HE'S R GHT.


IN THE PAST, WHEN YOUR MAMA ONLY LIVED FOR GOD'S SAKE...
EVEN I WONDERED ABOUT WHY I HAD TO LIKE, FIGHT FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE, ARU.
BUT THEN I MET YOUR PAPA ...
YOU WERE BORN,
AND LITTLE BY LITTLE, THE PEOPLE DEAR TO ME INCREASED, ARU.
AND I'M LIKE, FIGHTING BY RISKING MY LIFE IN ORDER TO PROTECT ALL OF THEM, ARU.
I'M SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND IT ONE DAY AS WELL, ARU.
WAAH ..!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT!! WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS EVEN AFTER I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
YOU TWO ARE IDIOTS, I HATE YOU! GO AND DIE FOR ALL I CARE!
WAAAAAAH !!!


スッタター!!
OH MY ...
IT'S ALREADY TIME.
WE DON'T HAVE LIKE, ANY OTHER CHOICE, ARU. WE WILL CONSOLE HIM ONCE WE ARE BACK HOME, ARU.
BECAUSE THIS IS THE FINAL FIGHT AFTER ALL ...


LITTLE BOY, I WILL DO MY BEST FOR YOUR SAKE
LOOK AT YOUR MOM!




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...
"WITH
US!!"
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US."




SURROUND THE ENEMY'S FORMATION WITH AN "ISOLATION BARRIER"!!!
EVERY CHIEF OF THE OTHER SPECIES MUST GET IN POSITION BY HOLDING THEIR "DIVINE STAVES" IN HAND!!!
FOLLOW THE MAGICIANS!!!
ITS TOO EASY, WHY ...!!?
THEY AMOUNT TO NOTHING, ARU!!!
WE ARE DOING WELL, RIGHT!?
.....
!!


.....
"GOD IS WITH US"
"GOD IS WITH US"
GOD IS WORSHIPPED BY PEOPLE,
AND HE IS MURDERED BY PEOPLE.
FINALLY, THE FIRST CHAPTER OF MY TOO-LENGTHY JOURNEY IS AT AN END...


WELL THEN, SOLOMON, COME AND KILL GOD WITH ME.
JUST LIKE "DESTINY" GUIDES YOU!
IN THE NEXT ISSUE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN INSIDE OF THE CATHEDRAL ...!?


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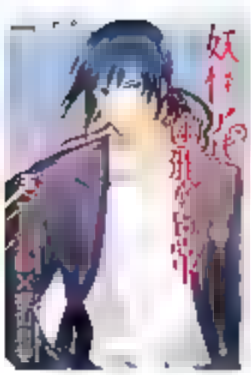
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SETTA IS PATROLLING THE REAR OF THE BASE, BUT...?

AT THE MOMENT MY BROTHER AND THE OTHERS SHOULD BE FIGHTING ..

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228TH NIGHT: DAVID'S PLAN

SOB...I-I TOLD MY PAPA AND MY MAMA TO GO DIE FOR ALL I CARE... EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T MEAN IT...

SOB SOB

HUH?

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TESS, WHAT'S WRONG?

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RIGHT NOW THEY ARE FIGHTING TO MAKE US, THEIR FAMILY, HAPPY. THEY WILL NEVER DIE AND MAKE US SAD INSTEAD.
OF COURSE! YOUR PAPA AND MAMA ARE STRONG. AND MY BROTHER IS STRONG TOO.
...
... I SEE, YOU SAID SOMETHING HORRIBLE TO THEM, HUH. YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD JUST APOLOGIZE TO THEM A LOT ONCE THEY COME BACK.
...THEY WILL BE BACK, RIGHT?
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GOD, PROTECT MY PAPA AND MY MAMA, PLEASE. THERE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT PEOPLE TO ME.


GOD, PROTECT MY SON, PLEASE.
GOD, PROTECT MY HUSBAND, PLEASE.
HE HAS FOUGHT UNTIL NOW FOR YOUR "AGENDA", HE IS A FAITHFUL MAGICIAN. PLEASE DON'T KILL HIM.
GOD, PROTECT MY BROTHER AND MY COMRADES, PLEASE.
THEY ARE THE PEOPLE NECESSARY FOR "ALMA TORRAN" ...
COME ON, STOP GIVING ME THAT GLOOMY FACE.
OUR ROLE IS TO HEAL THE MAGICIANS WHO WILL BE BACK FROM THE FRONTLINES, BECAUSE THE WAR WILL PROBABLY NOT END TODAY.


DON'T BE SO SCARED. THIS BASE IS SAFE. BECAUSE LORD SETTA, A MAGICIAN WITH THE "DIVINE STAFF" IS PROTECTING US!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT IN ANY CASE BRACE YOURSELF BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN!
EH? ARE YOU SAYING THAT KING SOLOMON AND THE OTHERS COULD LOSE?
HEY SETTA, WHAT IS THAT?
EH?
HUH?


AN "ISOLATION BARRIER"! THE "CATHEDRAL DISTRICT" IS... THIS IS THE END...
IMPOSSIBLE...


THE CAPITAL HAS FALLEN. THIS IS OUR VICTORY!!
NOT YET!! THERE IS STILL THE "ELDER COUNCIL" AND ELDER DAVID WITH THEIR 12 "DIVINE STAVES" WAITING FOR US IN THE CATHEDRAL!!
I DON'T CARE, ARU!! THANKS TO OUR "ISOLATION BARRIER" ALL THE MAGIC HAS BEEN LIKE, LIMITED AND WEAKENED. THEY ARE ALL JUST A BUNCH OF OLD MEN, ARU!!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, SOLOMON?
.....


I HAVE PREPARED MYSELF A LONG TIME AGO. I WILL PUT AN END TO HIS LIFE. FOR THE SAKE OF ALL THE SPECIES OUT THERE, AND FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE IN THIS WORLD.
YEAH.
LOOK AT ME BOY.
I WILL CLEAR THE PATH FOR YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE!


DAVID!
PREPARE YOURSELF!


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ELDER DAVID.
GOOD-BYE,
.....


YES, LADY ARBA'S VANGUARD WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THEM. THEY WERE UNABLE TO USE ENOUGH MAGIC, THEREFORE THEY WERE NOTHING MORE THAN POWERLESS OLD MEN...
THE MAGICIANS OF THE "ELDER COUNCIL"... THEY ARE ALL...
.....
.....
I SEE.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, ARBA?
AH.... THAT'S RIGHT, ARBA ONCE TOLD ME THAT SHE IS "A MAGICIAN CREATED BY DAVID 100 YEARS AGO". I'M SURE THAT FOR ARBA, DAVID WAS ALSO A FATHERLY FIGURE, SHE MUST HAVE HELD COMPLEX FEELINGS FOR HIM, JUST LIKE SOLOMON...


YES, KING SOLOMON. I HAVE SERVED YOU ALL THESE YEARS...
FOR THIS VERY MOMENT, AFTER ALL.
...?
I SEE.
WHA?
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?


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!?
W-WHAT ...!?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED!? THE BODIES OF DAVID AND THE ELDERS JUST TURNED INTO DOLLS ...!!?
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DID WE REALLY WIN...
AGAINST DAVID?
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NO...
I FEEL THAT WE HAVEN'T.
Pah
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WHAT IS THIS ...?

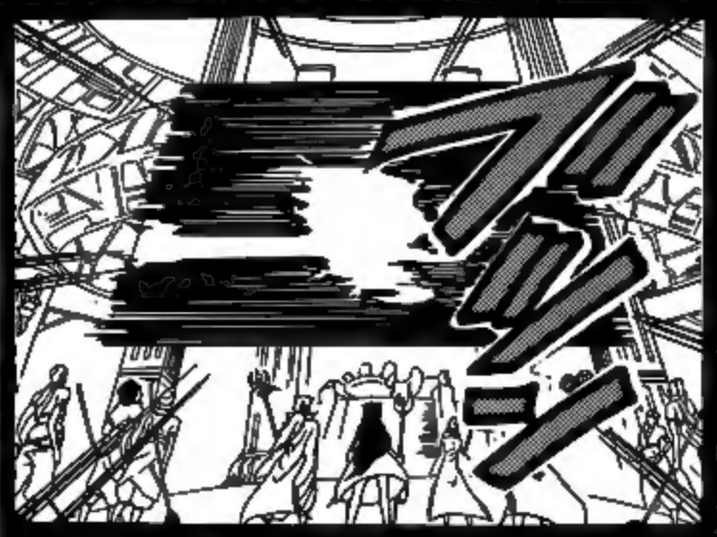

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MAGIC...
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TION...?
WHAT...?
I CAN'T
SEE WELL...
WHERE IS
THAT PLACE?
THIS...
!?
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HURRY!
RUN
AWAY!
WHY-
WHY
ARE
THEY
HERE?


WHAT DID YOU SAY!!?
THAT'S OUR BASE... OUR HOME BASE...!!
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THERE ARE ALMOST NO WARRIORS THERE!! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW AND RETURN TO OUR BASE, UGO!!


E-ELDER DAVID AND THE OTHER ELDERS WERE...!! THEY ABANDONED THE "CATHEDRAL DISTRICT", AND IN-VADED OUR BASE!! WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT...!?




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IMPOS-
SIBLE
...
WE CAN'T DO IT, SOLO-MON, WE FELL INTO DAVID'S TRAP ...!!!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT WALL!?
WE CAN'T ESCAPE...
FROM THIS PLACE!
THEY FELL INTO DAVID'S TRAP!!